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Florida residents sit in traffic Thursday on Interstate 275 on the Howard Franklin Bridge in St. Petersburg.

## Let the Games begin

Olympics open with ceremonies in Athens Page 31



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Above: The Olympic rings are shown in flames Friday during the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. Right: Members of the U.S. delegation, including several women's basketball players, enter the stadium.



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## NewsTracker ... What's new with old news

### States

**CIA agent name leak:** New York Times reporter Judith Miller has been subpoenaed by the grand jury trying to determine who leaked the identity of a covert CIA officer, the newspaper said Friday.

Publisher Arthur Sulzberger Jr. said the Times would fight the subpoena, which was issued Thursday, according to the newspaper.

Syndicated columnist Robert Novak disclosed the name of CIA officer Valerie Plame on July 14, 2003, citing two "senior administration officials" as his sources. Disclosure of an undercover official's identity can be a felony.

Plame's name appeared in Novak's column about a week after her husband, former ambassador Joseph Wilson, published a newspaper opinion piece criticizing President Bush's claim in the 2003 State of the Union address that Iraq had tried to obtain uranium from Niger.

**Columbine shootings:** In the five years since the Columbine High School massacre, the audio tapes and diaries of the student gunmen have remained sealed from the public. Now, an appeals court has ruled they may see the light of day.

The Colorado Court of Appeals likened the materials to "a self-aggrandizing manifesto the boys might have wished, even ached, to be made public."

The videotapes, audio tapes and writings were seized when deputies got a search warrant following Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris' attack at their school on April 20, 1999. The pair killed 12 students and a teacher before taking their own lives.

The Denver Post sought the release of the recordings in a lawsuit filed in 2002.

**9/11 commission report:** Sales for the "9/11 Commission Report" have topped 500,000 copies and the print run will soon top 1 million, publisher W.W. Norton said Thursday in New York.

Publication of the \$10 paperback coincided with the release July 22 of a report by a bipartisan panel on the deadliest terror attack in U.S. history on Sept. 11, 2001. Citing multiple government failures, the commission called for a national counterterrorism center headed by a Cabinet-level director to centralize intelligence efforts.

**Crematory fraud charges:** A judge rejected a request Thursday to dismiss most of the criminal charges against the former operator of a north Georgia crematory where 334 bodies were found.

Superior Court Judge James Bedford denied several motions from former Tri-State Crematory operator Ray Brent Marsh. Marsh's attorneys wanted the judge to dismiss 561 of the 787 charges.

Marsh was arrested after investigators in February 2002 found heaps of decaying bodies from Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee that were supposed to be cremated at the crematory's 16-acre site.

The 561 charges the judge refused to dismiss were 122 counts of burial service fraud and 439 counts of theft by taking. Along with those charges, Marsh faces 179 counts of abuse of a body and 47 counts of making false statements.

**Philadelphia corruption probe:** The mayor of Philadelphia announced a new ethics policy for city employees Thursday, two months after his former treasurer was



**DVD fatal crash:** Erwin Petterson Jr., facing camera, receives a hug Tuesday from Jon Douglas after Kenai Superior Court in Kenai, Alaska. Petterson was acquitted of charges he caused a fatal crash, killing two, by taking his eyes off the road while watching a movie on a DVD player mounted on his truck dashboard. Petterson had been charged in the deaths of Robert Weiser, 60, and Donna Weiser, 56, when his truck collided with their vehicle on Oct. 12, 2002.

charged with accepting thousands of dollars worth of gifts from people interested in influencing city business decisions.

Mayor John F. Street, who signed two executive orders Thursday, banned city employees from accepting gifts, meals or favors from anyone doing business or seeking to do business with the city.

He also impeached a reconstituted city ethics board that will be empowered to root out ethics violations. The current ethics board, which was largely inactive, was being dissolved.

Seventeen people face charges in a federal anti-corruption probe that became public in October, when an FBI listening device was discovered in Street's office.

### World

**British terror suspect:** A judge ruled Friday that a British man wanted in the United States to face terrorism charges be held in custody for another 28 days.

Judge Christopher Pratt at Bow Street Magistrates Court in London ordered that Babar Ahmad, who U.S. authorities allege used U.S.-based Web sites to recruit fighters and raise support for Taliban forces in Afghanistan, remain in custody until a further extradition hearing on Sept. 10. Ahmad, 30, was arrested in London on Aug. 4 on a U.S. extradition warrant from the state of Connecticut. The warrant accused him of trying to raise funds for "acts of terrorism in Chechnya and Afghanistan" from 1998 through 2003.

**Japan nuclear accident:** A Japanese utility said Friday it will temporarily shut down all of its nuclear power facilities to conduct safety checks, following a deadly accident this week at one of its plants.

Kansai Electric Power Co., Japan's second-largest utility, reached its decision a day after being ordered by the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency to review inspection records of cooling pipes and check for

signs of erosion at its nuclear power plants. Six other Japanese utility companies were given similar orders.

Government investigators launched a probe Friday at the plant in Mihara, 200 miles west of Tokyo, where four people were killed and seven injured when a corroded pipe exploded Monday, spewing boiling water and superheated steam on the workers.

**Saudi travel limits:** Families of American diplomats in Saudi Arabia, ordered to leave the kingdom last April, will not be permitted to return "until further notice," the State Department has announced.

Also, Americans who worked at the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh and at the U.S. consulates in Jeddah and Dhahran, ordered to depart along with the families, will not be permitted to return, as well, the department said last week warning Thursday.

"Continued security concerns," is the reason, the department said in designating U.S. diplomats posts in Saudi Arabia as "unaccompanied."

The statement renewed a warning to U.S. citizens not to travel to Saudi Arabia. There is a serious threat to their safety because of targeted attacks on U.S. citizens that have resulted in deaths, injuries and kidnappings, the statement said.

**Turkey bomb attacks:** Turkish police on Friday blamed Kurdish militants for bomb attacks this week on two small Istanbul hotels and a liquefied petroleum gas plant that killed two people and wounded 11 others.

Deputy Police Chief Ramazan Er told reporters in Ankara, the capital, that Tuesday's blasts "were entirely the work" of Kurdish rebels from KONGRA-GEL, an insurgent group formerly known as the PKK.

Er's remarks were the strongest yet by a Turkish official linking the rebels to the attacks, which an al-Qaida-linked group also took credit for. But police have cast doubt on the claim by the Abu Hafs al-Masri Brigades.

**U.S. presence in Kosovo:** Philip Goldberg, a senior U.S. foreign service officer, has assumed his post as the top American official in Kosovo, the U.S. office in Kosovo said Friday.

Goldberg, who previously served in a senior position at the U.S. Embassy in Chile and worked as acting deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, will head the U.S. diplomatic presence in Kosovo for the next two years, the U.S. office for Kosovo said in a statement.

Goldberg replaces Marcie Ries, who wrapped up her one-year tour of duty earlier this month.

### War on terrorism

**Gitmo detainees:** After review by a military panel, U.S. officials have determined that four terror suspects held at the U.S. Navy base in Cuba are properly classified as "enemy combatants" and will not be freed.

They are the first cases of 21 reviewed thus far, to be decided. There is no appeal process.

Navy Secretary Gordon England, who is overseeing the reviews but has no say in the outcome of individual cases, told reporters at the Pentagon on Friday that the process, which began July 30, has proven more time consuming than expected, mainly because of translation requirements.

England said he expects that all of the nearly 600 terror suspects held at Guantanamo Bay will have their cases heard by the end of the year. Any who are determined to be improperly classified as "enemy combatants" would be released to their home country, officials have said.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

# Najaf offensive suspended for negotiations

## Al-Sadr reportedly wounded by shrapnel

By TODD PITMAN  
The Associated Press

NAJAF, Iraq — Iraqi officials and aides to a radical Shiite cleric negotiated Friday to end fighting that has raged in Najaf for nine days, after American forces suspended an offensive against Muqtada al-Sadr's militia. Al-Sadr's aides said he was wounded by shrapnel, but Iraqi officials said the cleric was involved in the talks.

With negotiations under way, the U.S. military said it suspended offensive operations against al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militiamen, who are holed up in the city's vast cemetery and the Imam Ali shrine, one of the holiest sites to Shiite Muslims.

"We are allowed to engage the enemy only in self-defense and long enough to break contact," said Maj. Bob Pizzitola, executive officer for the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division.

"That was a blanket order for everybody."

He said the militia appeared to have stopped most attacks as well, and the city appeared quieter just one day after the U.S. military launched a major offensive.

"Hopefully, the talks will go well and everything will be resolved peacefully," Pizzitola said.

By Friday afternoon, there was no sign of U.S. or Iraqi forces inside the old city and there were no sounds of clashes.

"We are now celebrating the victory. This means the defeat of the other side," al-Sadr aide Ahmed al-Shaibani said.

The U.S. military said it was still maintaining a loose cordon around the old city, but had repositioned troops after the offensive was suspended.

The U.S. Defense Department said about 2,200 Marines, along with 500 to 1,000 soldiers and an undisclosed number of U.S.-trained Iraqi troops, were involved in Thursday's offensive.

Also Friday, U.S. airstrikes hit Fallujah, witnesses said. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

The U.S. military had no immediate comment, but U.S. forces have fought with militants holed up in that Sunni Muslim city for months.

One of Iraq's most senior Shiite religious leaders called for an end to the Najaf battle, as Iraqis took to the streets across the country to protest the fighting.

"What is going on in Najaf and the rest of the Iraqi cities is a violation of sanctities, an aggression on holy sites and shedding of innocent blood that could lead to a vicious civil war," Grand Ayatollah Mohammed Taqi al-Modaresi said during Friday prayers in Karbala.

Najaf Gov. Adnan al-Zurufi said negotiations were being held between officials of Iraq's interim government and al-Sadr's representatives, without participation by U.S. officials. National Security Adviser Mouwaffaq al-Rubaie and Defense Minister Hameed Shalal were both in Najaf, Iraqi officials said.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said all activities in Najaf were being



U.S. soldiers patrol the holy city of Najaf, Iraq, on Friday. Thousands of U.S. troops sealed off Najaf's vast cemetery, its old city and a revered Shiite shrine and unleashed a tank, infantry and helicopter assault against militants loyal to Muqtada al-Sadr.

"closely coordinated" between coalition forces and the Iraqi leadership.

Al-Sadr has led an uprising against coalition troops for more than a week. An aide, Haider al-Tusi, said the cleric was hit in the chest and leg by shrapnel as he met with militia members near the Imam Ali shrine early Friday, and another aide said his condition was stable.

The Iraqi Interior Ministry said al-Sadr was not wounded and had been involved in the negotiations since Friday morning. But in Washington, a senior U.S. official, when

asked whether al-Sadr had been wounded, said, "That is our understanding."

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the United States learned of al-Sadr's condition from Iraqi sources and did not know anything about the circumstances.

Al-Sadr urged his followers to remain calm.

"We got a letter from him saying: 'Be steadfast and behave rationally. Don't surrender to your emotions,'" Aws al-Khafaji, al-Sadr's office in the southern town of Nasiriyah, told Al-Jazeera television.

## Before the big battle



An AH-1W Cobra fires a TOW missile and 2.75" rockets on Aug. 10 at an insurgent mortar pit inside a mausoleum at a cemetery in Najaf, Iraq, that had been actively shelling U.S. soldiers.

GLENN G. BUTLER/Courtesy of the U.S. Marines

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Thursday 929 U.S. service-members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 691 died as a result of hostile action and 238 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 63 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Poland, seven; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 791 U.S. soldiers have died — 582 as a result of hostile action and 209 of non-hostile causes, according to the Defense Department.

The latest deaths reported by U.S. Central Command:

■ Two Marines were killed when a helicopter crashed late Wednesday in Anbar province.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ No identifications reported.

## Marines in Najaf new to fight

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Marines leading the fight against Shiite Muslim militants in the Iraqi city of Najaf arrived there only about three weeks ago, fresh from a training session in Kuwait that focused on exactly the circumstance they face now: fighting in an urban environment.

The 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, with about 2,200 Marines, is operating from three bases in the Najaf area. It is equipped with a wide variety of conventional weaponry, including tanks, attack helicopters, light armored vehicles and unmanned reconnaissance aircraft.

They are accompanied by a battalion of the Army's 1st Cavalry Division, as well as Army engineers and military police — from 500 to 1,000 additional soldiers. An undisclosed number of U.S.-trained Iraqi troops also are involved.

Their announced goal is to destroy

militiamen loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, although a spokesman for the top Marine command in Iraq, Lt. Col. T.V. Johnson, said Thursday that contact with the militia had been sporadic and there had not been any major fighting.

Upon their arrival in south-central Iraq in late July, the Marines replaced soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division. Before convoying into Iraq, the Marines spent most of July in Kuwait, where they underwent extensive training based on lessons learned from departing U.S. forces.

The battle for Najaf has drawn U.S. forces into the urban battlefield that the Pentagon thought it had largely avoided when Marine and Army troops conquered Baghdad in April 2003 without protracted fighting or heavy casualties. The militia in Najaf is thought to be relatively small in numbers, and U.S. officials hope they give up before the fighting gets heavy and costly.

# 'It's the cost of doing business over here'

## Good-faith effort goes bad when Afghan officials take off with donated trucks, phones, cash

BY JON R. ANDERSON  
Stars and Stripes

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Lt. Col. Scott McBride was suspicious of Abdul Ghani from the very beginning.

Ghani had been nominated by the governor of southern Afghanistan's Zabul province to lead a district north of Qalat in an area known as the Kaki-Afghan Valley. In a gathering of regional leaders a few months ago, Ghani stood up alongside the newly selected police chief for the district denouncing the Taliban and swearing allegiance to Hamid Karzai's central government in Kabul.

"They said all the right things," said McBride, commander of the 25th Infantry Division's 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Division, which is responsible for providing security for the area.

Despite the pledge, McBride said he wasn't so sure.

He had heard reports that Ghani was secretly collaborating with Taliban insurgents in the area, he said. Still, McBride had nothing concrete on Ghani and felt like he didn't have much choice but let him take over the key job.

"It was my call. I will trust someone until they betray that trust," and then they become my enemy."

### Double cross

After Ghani's appointment, McBride's troops supplied the new district leader and police chief with \$100,000, four new Toyota Hilux four-wheel-drive police trucks and four hand-held satellite phones.

The money was to pay the salaries of district policemen as well as to build a school.

It wasn't long before McBride said he was getting reports that the school was not being built, and the new vehicles were missing.

He dispatched a Company C platoon attached to an Afghan National Army unit to investigate. While the troops were there, they would also support the U.N. voter registration teams, which had been eager to get into that area for Afghanistan's presidential elections in October.

The mission was called Operation Devil's Backbone.

The 150-strong contingent flew aboard CH-47 Chinooks on July 21 and quickly moved into the main village.

"We couldn't find Ghani or the police chief anywhere," said 1st Sgt. Matthew Grucella, the company's senior enlisted soldier. Ghani's deputy, Zafar Khan, insisted both men would be back soon.

It soon became apparent, however, neither Ghani or the chief would return.

Finally, Khan confessed. "I am embarrassed," he said. "I'm ashamed. They've taken the vehicles and the phones."

Khan said that Ghani had been allowing local Taliban militiamen to use the trucks.

"They had a deal where the police would use the trucks in the day and the Taliban could use them at night," said Grucella. Meanwhile, virtually no work had been done on the new school, and most of the money was gone.

Khan said he didn't know where Ghani was, but he thought he could find the police chief.

Khan came through, duping the police chief into the village where he soon was arrested, said Grucella.

Interrogated by the Afghan Army, the now-former chief soon told the troops the police trucks could be found in a neighboring village.

All but one was recovered.

### Ready for a choice

"The problem over here is you just don't know who to trust," said Capt. Mike Berdy, 2nd-35th Com-



JEREMY CLAWSON/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

U.S. troops deployed into southern Afghanistan's Zabul province earlier this month recovered a Hilux police truck. It was among equipment and \$100,000 in cash given to two newly selected Afghan officials, who were later learned to be Taliban sympathizers.

**"There's going to be hiccups like this until credible leaders are established. As time goes by we'll weed out the bad guys, but we're gotta start somewhere."**

1st Sgt. Matthew Grucella

25th Infantry Division's 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Division

Many in the area, however, appear ready for a choice.

In all, the teams have registered more than 2,500 villagers to vote.

"I guess some of them have had enough of the Taliban," said Grucella.

While far short of the U.N. goal to register 5,000 for that area, considering the region has long been a Taliban stronghold it was better than expected.

Grucella said he hopes Afghanistan's steady plot toward democracy will make it tougher for Ghani — and men like him — to remain at large.

"There's going to be hiccups like this until credible leaders are established," said Grucella. "As time goes by we'll weed out the bad guys, but we've gotta start somewhere."

McBride said he's disappointed that Ghani betrayed his trust and is concerned that the Taliban were able to get a police vehicle and the satellite phones, not to mention so much cash.

But he's not apologetic.

"It's obviously wasn't the out-

come we wanted," said McBride. "It's disappointing; it's a setback. But I wouldn't have done anything differently. It's the cost of doing business over here."

And he's confident that Ghani — and the still-missing police truck — will surface eventually. Ghani will either end up dead or in an Army prison like the former district police chief, he said.

"Too many people know him. He'll turn up," said McBride. "We'll get him."

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## Lieutenant acquitted of SUV theft, convicted of lying

The Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — An Army lieutenant received a split verdict when a jury acquitted him in the theft of a sports utility vehicle but convicted him of lying about the incident.

A jury deliberated nearly six hours Thursday night before acquitting First Lt. Bradley Pavlik of accessory after the fact to robbery and convicting him of making a false statement. He faces sentencing Friday morning.

During a two-day court-martial, military

prosecutors argued that Pavlik knew his soldiers robbed a sheik of his SUV in Iraq, then helped them cover up the crime.

Pavlik's civilian attorney, Frank Spinner, argued that there was no evidence that Pavlik knew one of his soldiers planned to commit a robbery.

In July, Sgt. 1st Class James Williams, 37, was convicted of stealing the SUV in April 2003; the jury recommended he serve no prison time.

At his trial, Williams said he took the vehicle only because Pavlik ordered him to

and that he did not think it was a criminal act.

Early in the war, soldiers were allowed to "commandeer" civilian vehicles for military purposes under the rules of engagement. They were instructed to leave a receipt so the vehicle could be returned to the owner or money could be given to them.

Williams said Pavlik was angry his own vehicle had broken down and told squad leaders to find him another. The SUV was taken without force, but no receipt was left.

The Army later paid Sheikh Ahmed W. Al-Faisal \$32,000.

A second soldier in the platoon served a year in prison for his role in the theft.

Pavlik pleaded guilty earlier this year to violating a general order and of conduct unbecoming an officer; another charge of violating a general order was dismissed before the trial started. A charge of conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline was dismissed Thursday.

It was not immediately known what penalty the remaining charges carry upon conviction.





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**Left:** Pfc. Ameen Odat, of the 702nd Main Support Battalion, back, guides Spc. Philip Brown of 2nd Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment as Brown backs a Humvee trailer into position at the Shuaiba Port in Kuwait. The 2nd Infantry Division equipment left South Korea a couple of weeks ago as the division prepared for its upcoming deployment to Iraq. **Right:** Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division unload 2nd Brigade Combat Team vehicles from a military transport ship in Kuwait.



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# Troops unloading 2nd ID gear for move into Iraq

BY SETH ROBSON  
Stars and Stripes

SHUAIBA PORT, Kuwait — The "Strikeforce" has arrived.

Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team have spent the last week unloading their equipment in Kuwait as they prepare for their upcoming deployment to Iraq.

"The soldiers are unloading virtually every kind of vehicle the Army uses, from tanks to Humvees, tankers, bulldozers and engineers' support equipment," said 1st Sgt. James Sellers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Division Support Command. Sellers was supervising the unloading, standing on the docks surrounded by vehicles and equipment and barking orders to the soldiers.

The equipment — more than 1,800 tanks, trucks, and other hardware — left 2nd ID bases near the Korean Demilitarized Zone last month.

The equipment left the South Korean port of Pusan in what officials described as the largest logistical operation the U.S. military has carried out on the peninsula in 50 years.

The equipment was loaded onto a pair of U.S. military transport ships that reached Kuwait last week.

A small team of 2nd ID soldiers traveled ahead of it by air and waited on the docks to unload the vessels when they arrived. The 2nd ID soldiers-turned-dockworkers drove the vehicles to a marshalling area a short distance from the wharves for collection by Strikeforce.

Once the vehicles reached the yard, they had to be parked in groups that would eventually convoy to Strikeforce's base at Camp Buehring in Kuwait.

On Tuesday, Spc. Philip Brown of 2nd Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment found himself backing a Humvee with a trailer between two rows of closely packed vehicles.

But the trailer kept veering off to one side or the other.

"Hummer trailers tend to do this," he explained, flipping his hand around like a fish tail. "We are making sure the trucks are in the right rows. All the

vehicles have to be in the right units — [for] the proper convoy," he said.

Back on the wharves, the 2nd ID dockers shared their workspace with Kuwaiti port employees, most of whom are local nationals from places such as Pakistan, India and Bangladesh. As the military vehicles drove off the grey-hulled transport ships, the locals were busy nearby loading and unloading commercial products, such as fertilizer and gravel.

Ships from around the globe, including Russia and Norway sat at their moorings, and across the bay the soldiers could see an oil pipeline, supported by hundreds of wooden piles stretching far out to sea.

The 2nd ID crew who unloaded the ships spent about a month in Kuwait, living at Camp Spearhead. Sellers said the soldiers — some of whom helped

load the Strikeforce equipment at Pusan — enjoyed working on the wharves.

"We have met everybody here. The Navy is here, there is a transport unit from the Army side for the port, and the Coast Guard is here."

"We have met everyone from local Kuwaitis to Italian sailors and South Koreans (soldiers), who are unloading their equipment at the same time," Sellers said.

During a break, the soldiers took refuge under some shade. One soldier, Pfc. Tom Fisher of the 2nd Engineers Battalion, passed the time reading the novel, "What if Germany had Invaded America in 1901."

Fisher said it was the first time he had unloaded vehicles from ships. Soldiers are only allowed to move vehicles they are qualified to drive, he added.

Fisher, who has 10 months left to serve in South Korea, said he enjoyed working in the Middle East, and has volunteered to stay longer.

Other soldiers, such as Pvt. Shawn Keller, also of the 2nd Engineers, also were enthusiastic about working in Kuwait.

"I just like being here. It is a new country full of new things — sun, a lot of desert and camels," he said.

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# Spangdahlem airmen deploying to 21 locations

BY MARNI MCENTEE

Stars and Stripes

**SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany** — Hundreds of Spangdahlem airmen were preparing this week to deploy for up to six months, including highly demanded security forces members.

In all, some 1,000 Spangdahlem airmen — nearly one-fifth of the base's active-duty population — will go to 21 locations worldwide as part of the next Aerospace Expeditionary Force rotation.

Many will be going to the Middle East and other areas in the U.S. Central Command Area of Operations, but a few have garnered state-side postings. Public affairs officials would not release the exact destinations.

On Thursday, 200 airmen were getting vaccinated, collecting gear and getting their legal paperwork in order in a two-hour, well-organized deployment processing system.

They were briefed on medical issues, intelligence and cultural norms for their regions, and received information on family support systems that will take care of loved ones while they are gone.

Among them was Staff Sgt. Anthony Erskine, a 52nd Security Forces Squadron flight chief who will join 60 other security forces airmen leaving next week.

Erskine, who has been in the Air Force for 15 years, is taking the deployment in stride. "I've been plenty of times," Erskine, 33, of Huntsville, Ala., said. "The hardest part is leaving my wife and kids."

Erskine's orders put him downrange for up to six months — two

months longer than the current AEF rotation length. That's the way of the world for airmen whose specialties — including communications, pararescue and aircraft maintainers — are in great need and short supply.

"Everybody here is motivated to go downrange and do for their country," Erskine said. His last deployment 18 months ago was to the Middle East as well.

Airman 1st Class Edward Perez, an air traffic control radio operator with the 52nd Communication Squadron, is making his first deployment. He's eager to prove his mettle.

"I'm looking forward to having a few good stories to tell," Perez, 20, of Jacksonville, Fla., said.

Others, like Master Sgt. Lisa Friend, superintendent of the 52nd Fighter Wing's administration office, are more experienced. But Friend, of Knoxville, Ill., is a single mom leaving two kids at Spangdahlem. Her mother is coming out to stay with them.

"I've discussed the whole process with them and where I'll be going," Friend said. "Being a single mother for seven years, I've had to adjust."

The deployment process looks like a well-oiled machine, but getting it that way took two weeks of planning, said Capt. Reggie Trujillo, 52nd Fighter Wing Installation Deployment Officer. Trujillo added four airmen to his eight-person staff to get the job done.

Each deploying airmen gets at least two bags of gear that, depending on whether they need a mix of cold- and hot-weather wear, can weigh up to 200



MARNI MCENTEE/Stars and Stripes

**From left, Staff Sgt. Anthony Erskine, Senior Airman Jade McLeod and Tech. Sgt. Rob Carman shake chemical warfare filter canisters Thursday at Spangdahlem, Germany's 52nd Security Forces Squadron prepares to deploy. About 1,000 of the base's 5,500 airmen are deploying to 21 locations worldwide in the coming weeks.**

pounds, Trujillo said. His crew has to inventory it all before it goes out and again when it comes back in.

"Just the accountability alone takes a lot of work," Trujillo said.

Airman Rosemary Wilkes, one of the few women deploying with

the security forces squadron, was learning the process for the first time. She has barely been in the Air Force a year.

"I'm nervous, but I wanted to deploy. Everyone should have this experience if you are in the military," said Wilkes, of Catwaba, N.C.

As a young troop, Wilkes said she has relied on her more experienced squadron members for help and advice. They haven't let her down.

"These are all people I trust," Wilkes said.

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## Rota unveils \$2.5 million upgraded radar system

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER

Stars and Stripes

**NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain** — Many air traffic control rooms would not impress today's tech-savvy sailors.

They have glowing push buttons, large knobs and black-and-green blip radar screens that recall a time when bell-bottoms and tie-dyed t-shirts were considered hip and groovy.

But air traffic control centers throughout the military are getting an overhaul that is more geared to the new generation of controllers reared on video games and the Internet.

A new system that is touted as more efficient, safer and secure has replaced the old equipment from the 1960s in Rota, and controllers are thrilled. The base unveiled the \$2.5 million upgrade to the Air Traffic Control Facility and tower on Thursday.

"For air traffic controllers, this is awesome," Cmdr. John Collins, the Air Operations officer told controllers.

Controllers began using the Federal Aviation Administration-approved Standard Terminal

## Military air traffic control centers overhauled

Automation Replacement System, or STARS, on July 15. The equipment uses off-the-shelf technology but it is leap forward for those who manage air traffic around the base.

The entire system is automated.

Brian Wottowa, a project engineer with the Charleston, S.C.-based Space and Naval Warfare Systems command, compared it to going from playing the classic video game Pong to plugging in an Xbox.

Controllers work from a larger building next to the old one.

The new equipment includes a touch screen that allows controllers to pick and choose radio frequencies with ease and gives updated weather conditions.

Controllers will no longer have to memorize volumes of numbers and information. Reams of procedures, including cheat sheets on the capabilities of aircraft, are at the controller's fingertips and can be accessed simply by pointing to the selection on the monitor. Users can zoom in on the documents by tapping the screen.

Another monitor gives almost instantaneous information on every aircraft in the region, giving controllers a better picture of how close aircraft are to each other and how fast they are going.

And if the power goes out, a new backup generator comes on immediately and can provide 72 hours of power.

"The service we're going to provide is 10 times better than the service we had before," Chief Petty Officer Mike Gonzalez said.

The system also offers better training for controllers. A new simulator will help the base's 42 controllers brush up on their skills.

The air traffic control system upgrade includes a refurbished tower. Controllers in the Radar and Air Traffic Controller Facility and the terminal's tower will eventually move into a new facility. It is a part of a \$75 million project to improve air operations and building additional parking spaces for large-body cargo aircraft.

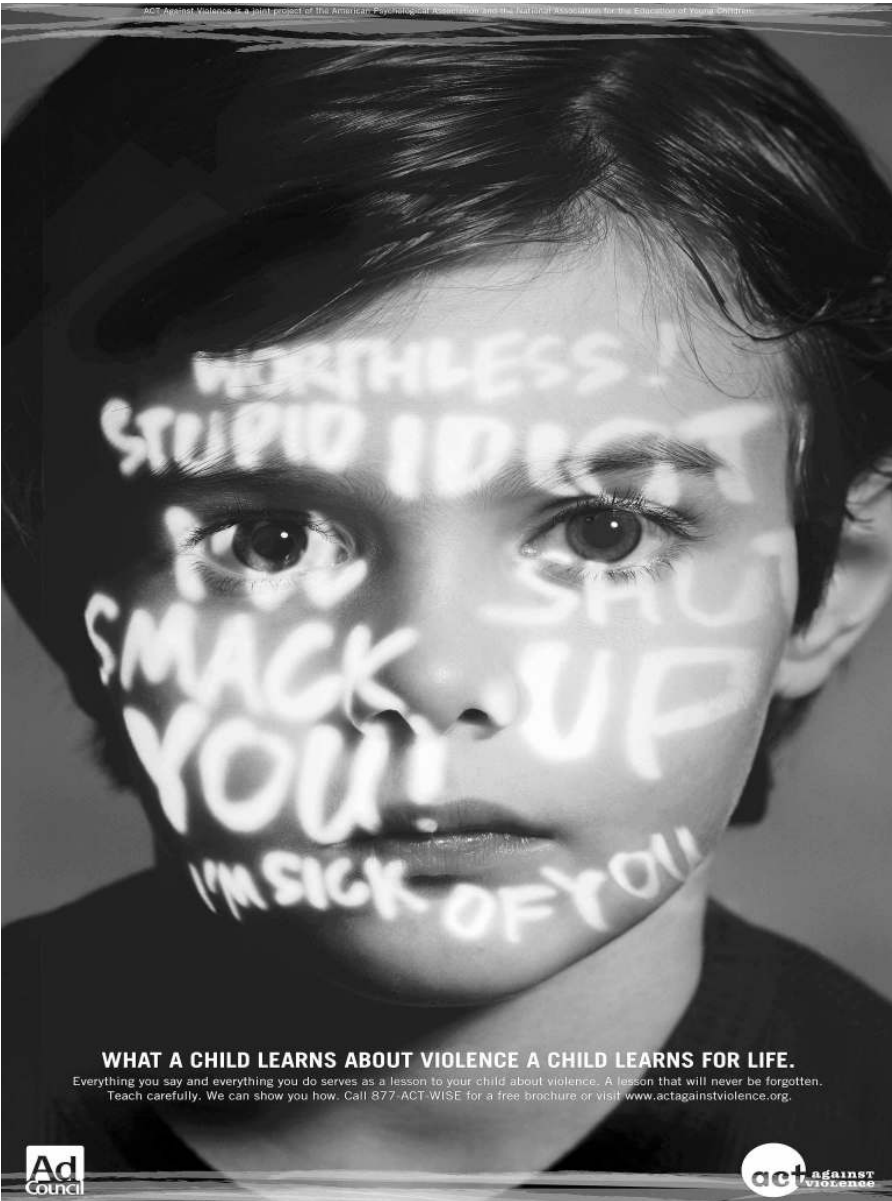
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**A Navy air traffic controller directs air traffic at Naval Station Rota, Spain, on Thursday. The Navy unveiled a new \$2.5 million Radar and Air Traffic Control Facility on Thursday.**

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# Drug choices squeezed by budgets

Phyllis Ramm, wife of an Air Force retiree, got a surprise Aug. 7 when she called the Keesler Air Force Base pharmacy to refill routine prescriptions. She learned that some popular brand-name drugs no longer would be dispensed on base, after patients get a final 30-day supply.

The Air Force directed its 74 pharmacies in July to drop Allegra, for allergy relief, and Celebrex, for arthritis pain, from their formulary, and to recommend instead lower-cost alternatives of equal effectiveness.

Patients using Allegra, a non-drowsy antihistamine, can take a generic form of Claritin instead, said Maj. Gen. Joseph E. Kusley, Air Force assistant surgeon general, in a July memo to commands. Users of Celebrex and Bextra, "cox-2 inhibitors" for arthritis, should switch to Vioxx. Patients using the insulin Humalog should be offered Novolog instead.

The changes, meant to control

spiraling drug costs without sacrificing patient care, reflect "an extremely challenging budget year for the Air Force Medical Service," said Kelley.

The change also upset some patients, including Phyllis Ramm's husband.

"My feeling is that our entitlement, of which pharmaceutical service is a part, is being chipped away," said retired Chief Master Sgt. Charles Ramm, a resident of Gautier, Miss.

Air Force pharmacies are only the first to tighten drug inventories in this way. The Army and Navy are expected to make similar moves this fall, during a more formal process to shape a Uniform Formulary.

Bob Washington of the Fleet Reserve Association, who will serve on the beneficiary panel, said the Air Force's change in base formulary last month looks like an at-

tempt to "circumvent" this process.

Air Force officials said they worried about that perception but still needed to act.

Frank Rohrbaugh, with the Military Officer Association of America, said a "top down" formulary change, typically made at base level, hints at the severity of a medical budget shortfall hitting all the services this year.

The Military Coalition, a group of service and veteran associations, complained of the formulary shift in a July 26 letter to Lt. Gen. George Taylor, Air Force surgeon general. The Air Force, it said, is risking higher drug costs if more patients use the Tricare retail network where costs are higher for the government and patients. Also, while the Air Force takes credit for standardizing its own base formulary, the changes

have created "regrettable interservice disparities," the letter said.

One coalition representative said the Army and Navy can't be thrilled by the prospect of filing Allegra and Celebrex prescriptions for Air Force beneficiaries, which will aggravate their own budget challenges.

Samples said he hopes patients instead try replacement medicines, the generic version of Claritin, for example, which costs the military pharmacies seven cents a pill, versus Allegra which costs 96 cents.

The mix of drugs available on base is the only element of pharmacy costs the services can control, he noted. But if during the formulary review process, Assistant Secretary of Defense Dr. William Winkenwerder directs a reversal, he said, "the Air Force will salute sharply and change to the [whatever is the] DOD Uniform Formulary."

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## MILITARY UPDATE

Tom Philpott

## 14 grads garner cash for college

Stars and Stripes

Fourteen high school graduates from military communities in Europe recently received \$1,500 scholarships from the Scholarships for Military Children organization, according to a news release.

The scholarship program was established in 2000 by the Defense Commissary Agency. It is open to qualified children of members of the U.S. armed forces, including active duty, retirees, guard and reserve members, along with children of deceased personnel.

Applicants had to maintain at least a 3.0 grade-point average, participate in voluntary school and community activities, demonstrate leadership qualities and write an essay, the release said.

Companies and organizations that do business with the commissary system funded the scholarships.

Here are the 2004 scholarship recipients, their community and the college they plan to attend:

■ Crystal Roberts, Schinnen, Netherlands; Crossroads College.

■ Erica Thompson, Sembach, Germany; Washington University.

■ Jeffrey Lambert, RAF Alconbury, England; Colorado State University.

■ Christine Rains, Wiesbaden, Germany; Georgia Institute of Technology.

■ Carl Nordahl, Bùdingen, Germany; University of Texas at El Paso.

■ Julie Hess, RAF Menwith Hill, England; Utah State University.

■ Megan Briggs, Heidelberg, Germany; University of Florida.

■ Michael Lemke, Schweinfurt, Germany; Berklee College of Music.

■ Crystal Clark, Darmstadt, Germany; University of Maryland.

■ Jessica Branch, Kitzingen, Germany; University of Maryland.

■ Rebecca Cheney, Mannheim, Germany; University of Maryland.

■ Thais Diaz-Figueroa, Daxheim, Germany; University of Maryland.

■ Sabrina Silver, Stuttgart, Germany; University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

■ Melaney Schneider, Hanau, Germany; Kansas State University.

## They don't make the pods, they make the pods better



KAREN ABEYASEKERE/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Senior Airman Travis Fry, 104 Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance technician, trims an air refueling pod extended tunnel assembly for a C-130 refueling pod. The maintenance shop at RAF Mildenhall, England, performs inspections, damage evaluation and repair and manufacture or modification to components for the base's fleet of aircraft and transient aircraft.

## DOD hiring process discussed

Changes to how U.S. Department of Defense civilian employees are hired, fired, promoted, paid and disciplined will be discussed next week at a series of town hall meetings. Also to be discussed are veterans' preferences and employees' right to bargain. Representatives from the Department of Army will be giving a presentation and answering questions.

Civilian DOD employees are being encour-

aged to attend, according to a news release from U.S. Army Europe. The schedule:

■ Stuttgart, 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Base Theater at Patch Barracks, Bldg. 2339.

■ Heidelberg, 9-11 a.m. Thursday, Patrick Henry Village, Village Pavilion Ballroom.

■ Kaiserslautern, 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Vogelweh Community Center Ballroom, Bldg. 2039.

For more information, go to the National Security Personnel System Web site at:

[www.cpms.osd.mil/nps](http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nps).

## Change of command

RAF LAKENHEATH, England — Col. Kent Laughbaum has returned to the home of the 48th Fighter Wing to take command of the 48th Operations Group. Laughbaum took over command from Col. William DelGrego on Friday.

Laughbaum served in three positions at the base from December 1999 until June

2003, most recently as commander of the 494th Fighter Squadron. He left to attend the U.S. Naval War College, where he was recognized as a distinguished graduate. He began his Air Force career at the 48th Fighter Wing, where he was commissioned in 1981, has been at RAF Lakenheath since July 2002. He is moving to U.S. Air Force headquarters in the Pentagon, where he will be director of concept, development and strategy.

From staff reports



## IN THE WORLD

# Sudan leader orders disarmament of militias

BY IBRAHIM ALI SULEIMAN  
The Associated Press

KHARTOUM, Sudan — Sudanese President Omar el-Bashir ordered tribal leaders in the Darfur region to form security forces to disarm Arab militias blamed for a rampage of violence that has killed 30,000 people during an 18-month conflict.

The decision, announced late Thursday after two days of talks between government officials

and Darfur tribal chiefs, comes amid intense international pressure to end the Darfur crisis, which has chased more than 1 million people from their homes.

The United Nations describes Darfur's plight as the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

The European Union, United States and humanitarian groups accuse el-Bashir's government of backing the Arab militias, known as the Janjaweed, with vehicles,

helicopters and airplanes — a charge denied by Sudanese officials.

It was not clear how effective the government's move would be. Despite the government's previous efforts to restore order, including the deployment of police to the troubled region, U.N. officials and aid groups say fighting and other violence continues.

According to a government communique issued Thursday, al-Bashir ordered some 100

tribes in Sudan's three Darfur states to create their own security forces, including armed camel riders, to disarm the militias.

The Civil Administration of Darfur's Grand States, which comprises the region's tribes, also was told to work with 6,000 police sent to disarm the Janjaweed.

The communique said the Civil Administration would take charge of dealing with neighboring states "to hand in wanted out-

lawed persons to Sudanese authorities and control weapon smuggling across borders."

On Friday, the aid agency said it had reached a deal with the both rebel groups to allow truck deliveries of food to Darfur areas under their control.

Sudanese government and rebel officials have indicated they will attend a new round of peace talks set for Aug. 23 hosted by Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo, chairman of the African Union.

## Forest fire in eastern Spain leads thousands to evacuate

The Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — A forest fire fueled by gusty winds charred a large swath of a nature reserve in eastern Spain Friday and burned its way toward villages, forcing the evacuation of some 6,000 people.

No injuries have been reported in the fire in Sierra Calderona, a mountainous area of Valencia province.

The blaze has blackened more than 1,800 acres of land since it broke out Thursday night, and was burning out of control at midday Friday, the regional emergency coordination office said.

Authorities ordered the evacuation of the town of Naquera, home to around 3,000 people, rushing in chartered buses for people assembling in the town square. They braved

choking dust and smoke, and some carried their pets with them, the national news agency Efe reported.

Thousands more were forced from their homes in at least three villages.

The fire is believed to have been set deliberately, as inspectors have detected four separate fronts, the regional interior minister, Luis Ibanez, told reporters.

Some 300 firefighters aided by 20 helicopters and water-dumping planes struggled to extinguish the fire, fed by gusts of wind.

Authorities called it the worst fire this summer in the Valencia region.

In the first seven months of the year, forest fires killed four people and burned 215,000 acres of land around Spain, the environmental protection department of the Civil Guard said Thursday.



Two men are silhouetted by a wildfire that broke out in the Sierra Calderona national park near Valencia, eastern Spain, early Friday. The fire has so far burned 1,800 acres and forced about 3,000 people to leave their homes.

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# Big Brother is watching

Closed-circuit surveillance cameras are king in Britain

By JANE WARDELL

The Associated Press

LONDON — British headlines tell you someone's always watching: "CCTV hunt for sex fiend."

"Call for CCTV to deter prostitutes."

And it's true. An estimated 4.2 million CCTVs, or closed-circuit television cameras, observe as people in Britain go about their business, from getting on a bus to lining up at the bank to driving around London.

The phenomenon is enabled by the arrival of digital video, cheap memory and sophisticated software. And Britain is acknowledged as the world leader of Orwellian surveillance — perhaps because it has the experience of Irish terrorism, and is on guard for even worse today.

The authorities claim the cameras deter crime, and despite some claims to the contrary and the outrage of civil libertarians, the public generally seems comfortable with being monitored.

In the past two months, British police used or publicized CCTV imagery during investigations into a 12-year-old robbing a store at gunpoint, the disappearance of a doctor, attacks by a serial rapist, a father and son hit by a train, laptops stolen from a school and a soccer riot.

Cameras roam over city centers, shopping malls, train stations, university grounds, public parks, beaches, car parks, airports, offices and schools.

"Britain, almost without anyone noticing, has become the surveillance capital possibly of the world, certainly of Europe," said



Closed circuit television cameras, CCTV, are mounted on a lamp post in London's Parliament Square in front of St Stephen's Square on Thursday.

Barry Hugill, a spokesman for rights group Liberty.

Petrol stations are testing automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) to catch people who fill up but don't pay. ANPR is also used to enforce London's five-pound, 59p, for vehicles entering the city center. A police database scans license plate numbers for everything from suspected terrorists to traffic offenders.

It's agreed that the ability to store images digitally — constantly becoming cheaper, and at

ever-increasing volumes that would have seemed fantastical a few years ago — has played a key role in the mushrooming of the industry.

An earlier form of CCTV — back in the day of videotapes monitored, changed, and rewound by actual humans — was embraced in Britain after two deadly IRA bombings in London in 1992 and 1993.

Now Britain is beginning to export its expertise. Fry's industry group has just incorporated in the United States, and reports particular interest from universities and schools.

Britain contributed to the network of more than 1,000 cameras watching over the Athens Olympic Games. The London-based Autonomy Corp., whose clients include the U.S. National Security Agency, provided technology that parses words and phrases collected by surveillance cameras and in communications traffic.

Still, in continental Europe and the rest of the world the technology is viewed with more suspicion. Germany and Canada currently ban the use of street cameras. In the United States, CCTV is not banned but is not widely used outside airports and casinos.

In Britain, too, cameras have proved deeply unpopular when they're used to enforce speed limits, and some have been vandalized. Fry said that polls by his group routinely show that around 95 percent of the public support CCTV use for crime prevention.



Lilia Pardini, right, and her sister Licia touch a sculpture depicting their mother and sister, who were killed in 1944 by Nazi SS troops, on the 60th anniversary of the slaughter in Sant'Anna di Stazzema, Italy.

## German official visits Italy for anniversary of Nazi massacre

The Associated Press

SANT'ANNA DI STAZZEMA, Italy — German Interior Minister Otto Schily joined a commemoration Thursday of the 60th anniversary of a Nazi massacre of hundreds of civilians in this Tuscan village, calling it a "place of shame" for his nation.

Schily and his Italian counterpart, Giuseppe Pisani, laid wreaths at a monument on a hill above the village in a ceremony attended by survivors and relatives of the victims. It was the first time a German government representative took part in the commemoration.

In August 1944, about 300 Nazi SS soldiers surrounded the Tuscan village, which had been flooded with refugees. The unit was ostensibly hunting for partisans, but instead they rounded up and

shot villagers, overwhelmingly women, children and the elderly, according to witnesses. Others were herded into basements or other enclosed spaces and killed with hand grenades.

Historical documents are not clear on the precise number killed, but the most commonly cited figure is 560.

Schily and Pisani also inaugurated a new sculpture in the town square, where much of the slaughter took place, and they opened an exhibition of photos of victims and survivors.

Ennio Mancini, who was 6 at the time of massacre, said he was happy Germans were represented at the anniversary.

"Today, finally after 60 years, our flags are there flying in the wind together," Mancini said, referring to the German and Italian flags flying near the hilltop monument.



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## Beach-cleaning death

MADRID, Spain — A beach-cleaning tractor over a woman lying under a mat on Thursday, killing her, said officials in the eastern resort town of Alicante.

The tractor was pulling a machine that cleans the sand with rotating brushes when it crushed the 54-year-old Spaniard, Alicante's town hall said in a statement.

The driver did not realize what he had done in the early morning accident until other bathers told him, the statement said.

## Foam parties forbidden

ZAGREB, Croatia — The health ministry issued a temporary ban on popular foam parties at nightclubs across the country due to health risks, a government official said Thursday.

The move was prompted after reports of rashes recently had to seek medical attention for eye, nose or mouth irritations following a night reveling in the frothy substance at summer resorts on the Adriatic Sea. "Some of our preliminary

tests showed that substances in the foam can be detrimental to mucous membranes if they are not specially designed by manufacturers for human contact," said Ivo Afric, a sanitary inspector in the health department.

During foam parties, machines drop liquid suds onto dance floors, while clubbers clamber into the bubbles to rave the night away.

## Kellogg's banned

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Danish health officials said Wednesday they have banned several vitamin-enriched products of American breakfast cereal maker Kellogg's, saying they could be harmful if eaten regularly.

Kellogg's said it was puzzled by the rejection, as many of the products are being sold already in several other European countries.

The 18 affected products, which include enriched versions of Kellogg's cereals already on the Danish market, such as Corn Flakes, Rice Krispies and Special K, were to have been launched in their new version in the near future.

From The Associated Press

# IN THE STATES

# Hurricane Charley slams into Florida

BY JILL BARTON  
The Associated Press

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. — The eye of Hurricane Charley roared ashore as a dangerous Category 4 storm Friday on Sanibel Island as it pounded populous west-central Florida with 145 mph wind and a surge of water expected to exceed 10 feet. Airports and theme parks had hurriedly closed as the storm blew toward land and shelters filled with evacuees.

Gov. Jeb Bush said damage could exceed \$15 billion. Hurricane Andrew, which smashed into South Florida in 1992 with 165 mph wind, killed 43 people and caused \$31 billion in damage. About 1.9 million people had been urged to evacuate ahead of the strongest storm to hit Florida in a decade.

Charley reached landfall at 3:50 p.m. EDT just southwest of Fort Myers, and about 160 miles southeast of the Tampa Bay area that includes Tampa and St. Petersburg.

Forecasters feared a potentially devastating storm surge of up to 20 feet that could submerge miles of coastline.

The surge "is going to be the main killer," said Max Mayfield, director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami. "This is the nightmare scenario that we've been talking about for years."

"We are ground zero for Hurricane Charley," said Wayne Salade, director of emergency management in Charlotte County.

Residents who hadn't left had been told to stay home or head to shelters, and even the Charlotte County emergency operation center was evacuated as a precaution. Palm fronds whipped in the wind and offshore the Gulf of Mexico churned like water in a washing machine.

About 100 people refused to leave Sanibel Island and were



THE PALM BEACH (FLA.) POST/AP  
Seven-year-olds Christopher Varela, left, and Gregory Veliz, both of Key West, Fla., check out what Hurricane Charley was doing to the island Florida. Florida officials urged almost two million to evacuate the area.

told to seek shelter in their homes. Authorities closed the bridge leading to the barrier island and didn't expect to open it until Saturday.

"It looks as if they're going to have to ride out the storm," said Gordon DeMarchi, public information specialist for Lee County.

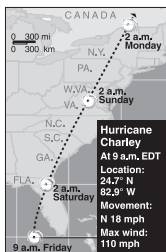
Jeb Bush urged people in the storm's projected path to keep off highways and roads. He declared a state of emergency and asked his brother, President Bush, to declare a federal state of emergency.

Hurricane warnings had been posted along Florida's west coast and along the Atlantic Coast from Cocoa Beach, to the South Atlantic River in South Carolina.

Associated Press writers Mitch Saiz and Brendan Farrington in Tampa, Alan Breed in Punta Gorda, Mark Long in Fort Myers and Rachel La Corte and Adrian Saiz in Miami contributed to this report.

## Evacuations begin

Almost 2 million people have been urged to evacuate as Hurricane Charley steams toward Florida's west coast.



Sources: NOAA, ESRI AP

## CENTOM operations continue despite evacuation of MacDill

BY SANDRA JONTZ  
Stars and Stripes

Hurricane Charley has forced the evacuation of U.S. Central Command headquarters staff members but will not disrupt operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, a spokesman said.

The military's top leader responsible for the area, Army Gen. John Abizaid, was able to maintain communications with key personnel overseas, in spite of being forced from the headquarters building on MacDill Air Force Base by the Category 4 Hurricane Charley, Lt. Cmdr. Nick Balice said.

Abizaid stayed in the Tampa Bay region Friday "in a safe location with access to all communica-

tion equipment," Balice said. "What's happening here in Tampa will not have any effect on operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The base has been evacuated, but we have multiple locations of operations, such as the forward headquarters in Qatar that has been fully manned and operational since the war began in March of 2003."

Packing winds up to 145 mph, Charley, now a Category 4 storm, was slated to hit the Tampa Bay region about 8 p.m. EDT Friday. The approaching storm has prompted the evacuation of MacDill, which also serves as a home to Central Command and Special Operations Command.

Balice declined to provide details about Abizaid's whereabouts during the hurricane or the communication equipment.

## N.J. governor admits he's gay

Democrat acknowledges affair, says he will step down in November

BY JOHN P. MCALPIN  
The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Gov. James E. McGreevey, a one-time rising Democratic star and twice-married father, announced his resignation with the startling disclosure that he is gay and had an extramarital affair with a man that he said threatened to undermine his "ability to govern."

"My truth is that I am a gay American," McGreevey said Thursday at a news conference with his second wife by his side. He described decades of sexual confusion that dogged him through two marriages and ultimately led him to an act he called "wrong, foolish and inexcusable."

"Given the circumstances surrounding the affair and its likely impact upon my family and my ability to govern, I have decided the right course of action is to re-

sign," he said. McGreevey, 47, refused to answer questions. He added that staying in office and keeping the affair and his sexual orientation secret will leave the governor's office "vulnerable to rumors, false allegations and threats of disclosure."

McGreevey said his resignation would be effective Nov. 15 — 11 days after the coming general election. Two sources close to McGreevey, both speaking on condition of anonymity, said the man involved in the affair was Golan Cipel, an Israeli poet who met the governor during a trip to Israel.



McGreevey

One source, a senior McGreevey political adviser, said Cipel threatened McGreevey several weeks ago that unless he was paid "millions of dollars," Cipel would file a lawsuit charging the governor with sexual harassment.

Cipel was named to the newly created post of homeland security adviser without any background check or official announcement.

Amid questions about what Cipel did to earn his \$110,000 salary, he was reassigned in March 2002 to a "special counsel" job. A few months later, Cipel left his government position.

Across New Jersey, many were left in shock. "It's a shame," said Jim Nerney, 48, of Middletown.

"He brought a lot of passion to the governor's office, but the fact is that it's not accepted in today's society and he's paying the consequences."

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## Messages of Support

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## Messages of Support

★ Chris (the worlds best husband and daddy), I just want to let you know that Ashton and I are doing fine and we cant wait until you get home. We pray each and every night for you soon and safe return home to us. With our love always, Danielle and Ashton

★ Hi Michael, Got your letter. Hope you're getting mine. I pray for you all the time and send you mental HUGS. There are lots of prayers being sent for ALL of you. THANK YOU for the hardships you're enduring for Our Country. WE SUPPORT YOU! LOVE YOU - MOM

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Brandon Maxfield, 17, paralyzed 10 years ago in an accidental shooting, failed Thursday in his attempt to purchase Bryco Arms, makers of the gun that shot him.

## Victim's bid to buy arms maker fails

The Associated Press

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. — The bidding for a bankrupt gun manufacturer proved too rich for a 17-year-old who was paralyzed by one of the company's weapons and dreamed of melting down its stock of unassembled "Saturday night specials" into a sculpture.

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Brandon Maxfield was outbid for Bryco Arms, one of the nation's leading makers of inexpensive guns, by the company's former foreman Thursday. Paul Jimenez bought the company for \$510,000 in spirited bidding.

"I wouldn't view it as a defeat. It's not over really. I still have a part to play in this," Maxfield said after his \$505,000 bid was shut down by the company failed.

In an earlier hearing, Jimenez was sold the Costa Mesa, Calif.-based company for \$150,000, but U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Jerry Funk reopened the bidding when he ruled that notice of the previous sale was not properly given to potential bidders.

Richard Thames, a lawyer representing Maxfield, said the teen ultimately will benefit from the increased amount Jimenez paid for the gun company since he is the major creditor in the bankruptcy of Bryco Arms and its former owner, Bruce Jennings.

"If there is a silver lining, Brandon holds 90 percent of the claims," he said.

But he was forced into bankruptcy last year when Maxfield won a record \$24 million judgment against the company, its distribution arm and its owner.

When Maxfield was 7, a 20-year-old family friend who was baby-sitting thought he heard a suspicious noise and grabbed a gun from a dresser drawer. The baby sitter called the boy's mother, who instructed him to immediately unload the .38-caliber pistol. While trying to do that, the baby sitter accidentally pulled the trigger.

An Oakland, Calif., jury found the gun maker liable.



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## College party a hoax

**VA** RICHMOND — Bad news for Washington and Lee University graduates who thought they'd get to have a drink in Lee Chapel: the invitation to a paid fund-raiser that included a cocktail hour in the historic chapel is a hoax.

Three alumni reported receiving an e-mail invitation to a New Year's Eve party and performances by country singer Ricky Skaggs and reggae artist Mikey Dread. Lee Chapel is a National Historic Landmark and burial site of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

The three-day Lexington event on Dec. 31 would cost \$1,500 a person and raise money for Project Hope, a minority recruitment program, the phony invitation said.

"The way that they were proposing it was a really good idea," said Rob Mish, director of alumni programs at the private liberal arts school in Lexington. University lawyers are investigating and Mish sent out about 12,000 e-mails warning alumni to be on the lookout. One of the three recipients reported receiving an email virus attached to his invitation.

## Poverty issues protested

**RI** PROVIDENCE — Advocates for the homeless selected a tent city at the foot of the State House to highlight the lack of low-income and affordable housing in Rhode Island, and to lobby for better conditions at some shelters. The Rhode Island Emergency Shelter Information Project's annual report found that affordable rents drove a record 5,686 people from shelters last year. It also found that rent is unaffordable for half of Rhode Islanders.

## Nuns to document trip

**KY** MAPLE MOUNT — The Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph in Daviess County will use digital and satellite technology to give the world real-time updates on a flatboat trip they plan to make down the Ohio River. There will be regular reports filed to an Internet web site. The five-day trip, from Louisville to Owensboro, will re-create a journey made 130 years ago by five nuns. They were the nuns who left Louisville to establish a school for the growing Catholic community in Maple Mount.

## Test scores rising

**SD** PIERRE — South Dakota students improved in the second round of testing required by a federal education improvement law, the state Education Department said. Officials said 71 percent of the 66,159 public school students who took tests this spring were competent or advanced in math, compared to 59 percent last year. Seventy-seven percent were capable in reading, compared to 71 percent in 2003.

## Camp for non-believers

**MN** MOUND — Atheists and humanists in Minnesota just finished the state's first summer camp for children who don't believe in God. "The Secular Summer Camp" at Camp Quest Minnesota was modeled after an Ohio



camp for atheist children that has been in operation for nine years. Camp co-founder August Berkshire says the camp will focus on critical thinking and skepticism.

## New campus to be built

**AZ** PHOENIX — The presidents of the University of Arizona and Arizona State University said they're setting aside decades of academic rivalry by agreeing to build a new joint medical campus downtown. The planned Phoenix Biomedical Campus of the Arizona University System will be a joint project of UA's medical and pharmacology colleges and ASU's nursing college.

## Ship prepares for sinking

**AK** JUNEAU — A 70-foot ship is being prepared for sinking in Juneau's Auke Bay, where it will join another vessel at the state's first artificial reef. Volunteers with the Alaska Artificial Reef Society stripped and cleaned the Arctic Tern to Coast Guard specifications to get it ready for its new home 70 feet below the surface. The park was created to encourage diving in the area.

## No prison for debtors

**TN** MEMPHIS — Lauderdale County officials agreed in federal court to stop running what amounts to a debtors' prison.

The agreement stems from a lawsuit

suit by two men who say they were arrested or threatened with arrest over debts that can only be collected through civil court proceedings.

The county's general sessions court issued arrest warrants for Lester C. Smith and William M. Robinson for failure to pay \$200 each in court costs from unrelated misdemeanor cases.

Under state law, court costs are civil debts for which a debtor cannot be jailed. Federal Judge J. Daniel Breen said such arrests violate the 13th Amendment ban on slavery and involuntary servitude.

Smith and Robinson were awarded damages of \$1,000 each, but the main purpose of the lawsuit, Hutton said, was to force the county to end its practice of jailing people because of civil debts.

## Disaster aid continues

**NJ** MOUNT LAUREL — Disaster aid is flowing to Burlington and Camden counties less than a month after rains and floods caused widespread damage to homes and businesses. The U.S. Small Business Administration said it has processed 23 disaster loans and has issued \$1.3 million to business, homeowners and displaced renters. The Federal Emergency Management Agency received 2,010 applications for aid as of Sunday night, said a spokeswoman.

## New electricity ruling

**OH** COLUMBUS — The Ohio Supreme Court ruled electric utilities may charge new home buyers the costs of extending electric service to previously undeveloped areas. The charges include a one-time fee of \$300 to \$375 for single-family homes, plus \$8 monthly from 2005 to 2008. The 6-1 ruling upholds a 2002 agreement between six utilities and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

## Water plan criticized

**NM** ALBUQUERQUE — Environmentalists are appealing the approval of a massive project to divert water from the Rio Grande for drinking water in Albuquerque. They contend state Engineer John D'Antonio didn't have jurisdiction to approve a permit for the \$275 million project. The conservationists also argue that water users downstream from Albuquerque would be harmed and that the project would damage efforts to preserve the Rio Grande ecosystem.

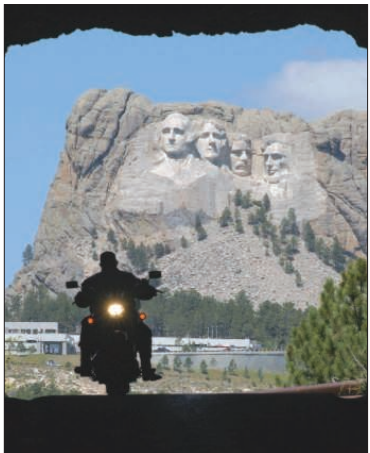
## Killed on work release

**NY** MIDDLETOWN — A prison inmate on work release was shot to death by intruders who broke into the apartment he was staying in, police said.

Authorities were searching for four suspects who fled on foot after shooting Roland Jackson Tuesday night.

Jackson, 24, who served time at the Fishkill Correctional Facility on a drug conviction, was staying with his girlfriend Ilesa Rivera and her 6-year-old son.

The intruders broke into the residence and separated Rivera and others from Jackson, and threatened him before shooting him, said police Chief Matthew Byrne.



## Road to Sturgis

A biker rolls through a tunnel on Iron Mountain Road as Mount Rushmore stands in the background near Keystone, S.D. Authorities said this year's Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is drawing bigger crowds that have been more well-behaved than in previous years.



## Family royalty

Mackenzie Williams reaches out to touch the crown of her great-grandmother, 87-year-old Mattie Creel, Ms. Extensicare Health and Rehab Center, during the 2004 Ms. Alabama Nursing Home Pageant Hoover, Ala.



## Fluttering for food

A hummingbird moves in for a quick feeding in Coryell City, Texas.





## Cowabunga!!

Efrain Chavez of Pasco, Wash., falls from a swinging rope into the Columbia River in Kennewick, Wash.



## Roaming tiger cubs

A trio of male Sumatran tiger cubs, recently born at the National Zoo, explore their habitat at the zoo in Washington, D.C. The three 14-week-old male cubs are, from top, Janan, Besar and Merah. The cubs are part of the Species Survival Plan, meaning they will be relocated to other zoos for breeding within the next three years. Sumatran tigers are an endangered species, with only 500 found in the wild on the Indonesian island of Sumatra and 200 in captivity.



## Quick cool down

As he passes through a water station, Caleb Lens cools off as he makes his way along the 30-mile course at Bruce and Levis Mounds near Merrill, Wis., during the Buzzard Buster mountain bike race. The event is part of the Wisconsin Off Road Series.

## Stolen ride

**ME** WILTON — A Wilton man who wanted to go to a hospital to see a newborn baby broke into an unoccupied police station and helped himself to a cruiser, which he promptly wrecked, officials said.

Robert Bowden, 28, drove the cruiser into a field where the fenders were damaged, the radiator punctured and the fuel line ripped out early Tuesday. The vehicle was found in a ditch in front of a bowling alley.

Bowden, who gave police a full confession, was spotted about a mile away and was walking toward Farmington, said Kevin McCutcheon of the Wilton Police Department. He was covered with grass and scratches, McCutcheon said.

Bowden asked officers to take him to Franklin Memorial Hospital for a mental health evaluation, and police took him.

There, they learned that Bowden had called looking for a ride to visit a newborn baby, McCutcheon said. A court provision prevents Bowden from coming into contact with the baby, he said.

## Acts of kindness

**MS** OCEAN SPRINGS — A stranger from Richmond, Va., taught an Ocean Springs teacher and her students that kindness is often repaid with kindness.

Last year, Julie Walchak taught her English class at the Ocean Springs Alternative School about random acts of kindness. She shared a personal story to illustrate.

Fifteen years ago in Jackson, Walchak found herself struggling to support herself through college, eventually having to drop out and work full-time as a hotel desk clerk.

A guest at the hotel, Donald K. Spriggs of Richmond, Va., learned of her hardship and encouraged her to seek scholarships.

Spriggs paid the rest of her costs out of his own pocket.

Amazed by the story, 11 of Walchak's students found his address online and wrote letters "to thank him for changing my life and touching theirs," Walchak said.

"Their words and energy amazed me as much as his kindness had over a decade ago," she said.

A few weeks later, Spriggs sent a package to the school. He enclosed a letter to each of the students who had written him, plus a gift of \$1,000 for the school.

"Do something for the kids," was his lone request.

## Elderly woman dies in van

**TX** TEMPLE — An 87-year-old woman died after she was left in a nursing-home shuttle van for about four hours as temperatures neared 100 degrees, police said Wednesday.

Temple Police Sgt. Brad Hunt said a driver from Sunrise Oaks Health Care, where Hazel Forsythe was a resident, picked her up on Tuesday around 12:30 p.m. at Scott and White Hospital and drove her back to the nursing home. Hunt said the driver then left the woman in the van in an open parking lot, with all the windows up, and went inside.

The driver returned about four hours later and drove back to the hospital. When he opened the door

he found Forsythe's body, Hunt said.

The high temperature Tuesday in Temple was 97 degrees.

## RNC not wanted

**NY** Eighty-three percent of New Yorkers said they don't want the Republican convention in town, according to a survey taken by SW Public Relations. When a sample of 536 New Yorkers was asked whether they were happy that the Republicans are coming to town, even most self-identified Republicans said no.

The firm ranked the reasons for this lack of enthusiasm: Fifty-three percent were worried about traffic, closed streets and security hassles; 27 percent said "too many out-of-towners"; and 13 percent in this city with a Republican mayor but a traditionally Democratic electorate said it was because "I hate Republicans."

## Miss Daisy on duty

**WY** CHEYENNE — State officials say a \$150,000 robot named Miss Daisy is now ready to be sent anywhere in the state to handle bombs and hazardous waste from up to 1,500 feet away, out of harm's reach. It's one example of how the state has spent \$49 million from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security — per person, the most of any state.

## Tests destroyed

**WV** CHARLESTON — Nearly half of the standardized tests administered to students in one West Virginia county to comply with federal regulations were inadvertently destroyed by the scoring company before being graded, officials said Wednesday.

Of the 2,096 tests administered in Wyoming County in April, no results are available for 1,070 students, state Department of Education spokeswoman Liza Cordeiro said.

The missing tests had come from 12 of Wyoming County's 13 schools, Cordeiro said.

Kelley Carpenter, spokeswoman for CTB/McGraw-Hill in Monterey, Calif., said the test booklets were destroyed inadvertently when the company was disposing of material from a trial run of the test that was conducted last year.

## For the love of hot dogs

**IL** DETROIT — Charley Marcuse, the Detroit Tigers' operatic hot dog vendor, is taking a trip to the minors.

The Tigers' AAA-affiliate Toledo Mud Hens have invited Marcuse, 22, to sing his "Hoooot Dooongs" this weekend. Marcuse said he'll belt out his song three times an inning.

The Birmingham resident drew worldwide attention when Tigers officials told him in May to stifle his singing. He wound up singing on "Good Morning America" and was interviewed by the BBC.

Fans responded with petitions, a Web site and T-shirts proclaiming, "Let Charley Sing."

In June, the Tigers and the park's concessions service reversed a decision to silence Marcuse. But the team said Marcuse could sing his hot dog song only during the Hot Dog Row promotion in the middle of the second inning.

Stories and photos from wire services



## Magic is in the air

Children delight at a magic show on the first day of school at Maxey Elementary in Orlando, Fla. Front row from left, pre-K students Sheldon Arnold, Bethedra Rhodes and Steven Robledo; second row from left, first-graders Amanda Baker and Davonte Callahan, and kindergarten Taylor Houston stand "Unlock the Magic of Learning," the theme for a celebration to welcome back students and parents at Maxey.

## YOUR MONEY

## Identity theft protects database culture

## Credit thieves target databases

Large databases held by wholesale or Internet retailers have become common targets for identity thieves, providing access to hundreds of thousands of Social Security and credit card numbers with one successful hack.

## Some large identity theft and hacking cases:

**1999** — A hacker who stole 100,000 credit card numbers from Internet retailer CD Universe, posted 25,000 of them on a Web site when a \$100,000 ransom was not paid.

**October 2003** — A woman pleaded guilty to sending fake e-mails to AOL customers urging them to update credit card numbers to continue service.

**November 2003** — Secret Service agents found names, addresses and Social Security numbers of thousands of Wells Fargo Bank customers on a stolen computer in a suspect's home.

**December 2003** — A man pleaded guilty to downloading sensitive data from consumer database giant Acxiom Corp., causing \$5.8 million in losses.

**May 2004** — A man was convicted of sending 850 million junk e-mails through accounts he opened with stolen identities after Internet service provider Earthlink Inc. won a \$16.4 million judgment against him in court.

**June 2004** — An AOL employee was arrested for allegedly stealing member screen names and using them as targets for junk e-mail. A computer was stolen containing 145,000 UCLA blood donors' Social Security numbers, birthdates and other personal information.

People were charged with operating a ring that made fake credit cards from numbers stolen off of restaurant patrons.

SOURCE: Department of Justice

BY MARK JEWELL

The Associated Press

**BOSTON** — BJ's Wholesale Club Inc. attracts shoppers to its stores by putting thousands of its discounted products under one roof.

It wasn't hard to attract cyber-thieves either, with databases that amass credit card information in huge numbers.

The theft earlier this year of thousands of credit card records from the nation's third-largest warehouse club illustrates the potential for massive-scale identity theft whenever so much purchase-enabling information is stored in one place. It also illustrates how difficult the cleanup can be.

The Secret Service still doesn't know whether the breach was an inside job or the work of hackers, but it has made some arrests, said Tim Buckley, a Secret Service agent investigating the case.

The suspects arrested recently in the United States and abroad may have ties to a large international identity theft ring, Buckley said. He declined to say how many arrests have been made or provide further details.

Meanwhile, financial institutions are still smarting. They've had to reissue hundreds of thousands of credit cards belonging to BJ's customers as a precaution against further fraud.

The BJ's case may be the largest retail fraud of its kind based on the amount of cards reissued, experts say.

Hundreds of thousands of replacements were sent to custom-

ers across the 16 states where BJ's operates, though BJ's says the breach affected only "a small fraction" of its 8 million members.

Philadelphia-based Sovereign Bank covered about 700 fraudulent transactions from the BJ's theft and had to reissue 81,000 cards twice, at a cost of about \$1 million, once in May and again in June, after a glitch occurred with the first batch, said spokeswoman Ellen Mollie said.

"There are some pretty heavy losses out there," said Greg Smith, president of the Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union, which reissued cards to 14,000 of its members at a cost of \$100,000.

Visa and MasterCard issuers in the United States, most of them banks, lost an estimated \$820 million from fraud in 2003, up 6 percent from the previous year, according to a study by Credit Card Management, an industry magazine.

When BJ's disclosed the breach in a March 12 news release, it said it had altered its security systems and was confident customers' information was secure. BJ's, which has 150 clubs and 78 gas stations, has said the theft would have no material effect on its finances. Consumer advocacy organizations say they've received few consumer complaints.

But the Natick, Mass.-based company now faces claims from some of the 10 to 15 banks it had to replace cards or reimburse consumers for fraudulent transactions. Investigators and bank officials have declined to disclose the monetary losses.

As sensitive data about consumers — not just credit card numbers but also buying habits and other personal information — are recorded in databases, the potential for identity theft on a massive scale is increasing.

Last week, three men pleaded guilty in North Carolina to charges they conspired to hack into the Lowe's home improvement

chain's data network to steal credit card information. Lowe's officials said the men failed to get into the company's national database.

In another case involving a mother lode of data, a Florida man was charged last month with stealing large amounts of consumer information from a database aggregator Acxiom Corp. — the second such hack of Acxiom files revealed in the past year. Prosecutors say the stolen data was to be used for identity fraud but to distribute ads via an e-mail business the man runs.

Such thefts raise costs for credit card issuers, which typically cover most losses from fraudulent transactions and limit liability to merchants. The problem is a moving target because thieves are creating increasingly sophisticated criminal networks with global reach.

"Whenever they find the numbers, they end up on some computer bulletin board and are sold," Buckley says.

Lawmakers are responding. A federal law signed July 15 increases criminal penalties and eases the burden of proof prosecutors must meet to get convictions in identity theft cases.

The law also establishes a new crime of aggravated identity theft and eases the burden of proof prosecutors must meet to get convictions in identity theft cases.

A California law that took effect last year holds merchants more accountable for safeguarding customers' card data, but analysts say few such protections exist elsewhere. Under the California law, banks and other companies must notify customers when a breach of their personal information is suspected.

The credit industry "has been relatively slow in taking more security steps than they already have in place because they sort of felt they could tolerate the loss," said Robert Richardson of the Computer Security Institute, an organization for security professionals. New steps could include employing identification technologies such as fingerprint scans.

## THURSDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

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1,528.4	1,529.43	NYSE Composite	1,527.86	-45.44	-3.00
1,278.81	958.85	Amex Index	1,262.66	-8.89	-0.73
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658.46	483.83	S&P MidCap	540.63	-7.84	-1.41
696.42	493.53	S&P SmallCap	517.10	-45.3	-8.11
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## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates		\$1 =
Euro	British pound	\$1.2599
Japanese yen (Aug. 10)		108.00
S. Korean won (Aug. 14)		1,259.00
Commercial rates		\$1 =
Bahrain (Bahraini)		0.377
British pound		\$1.2599
Canada (Canadian)		0.7091
Denmark (Danish)		0.6015
Hong Kong (Hong Kong)		\$1.2774
India (Rupee)		47.54
Hungary (Forint)		202.80
Israel (Shekel)		4.5372
Japan (Yen)		108.00
Kuwait (Dinar)		0.2947
Malaysia (Ringgit)		0.5559
Philippines (Peso)		55.59
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)		1.7150
South Africa (Rand)		1.5730
Switzerland (Franc)		0.7091
Thailand (Baht)		0.151
United States (Dollar)		1.470588

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, Netherlands and the United Kingdom.) (U.S. purchasing power parity in Germany.) check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for informational buying currency. All figures are foreign exchange rates for the dollar against the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-euro, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.

## PRECIOUS METALS

London close		\$798.30
Gold		798.30
Silver		1.12
Interest Rates		
Prime rate		4.50
Discount rate		2.50
Federal funds market rate		1.00
3-month bill		3.28
3-month T-bill		3.28
3-month Treasury note		3.28
3-month Treasury bond		3.28
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Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com

## Most Active and Sensibility Money tip of the day

## Financial sites for blacks

**Knight Ridder News Service**

Several Web sites offer a range of business and personal finance information that caters to black investors and consumers.

■ **Black Business Journal**, [www.bbjournal.com](http://www.bbjournal.com), covers financial planning, small business and many other topics important to black professionals.

■ **BlackEnterprise.com**, [www.blackenterprise.com](http://www.blackenterprise.com), contains information on investing, small-business development and career information.

■ **LittleAfrica.com**, [www.littleafrica.com](http://www.littleafrica.com), offers expert insights on personal finance and small-business topics.

■ **National Black Business Trade Association**, [www.nbbta.org](http://www.nbbta.org), assists African-American business owners.

■ **Target Market News**, [www.targetmarketnews.com/index.htm](http://www.targetmarketnews.com/index.htm), contains marketing, retailing and industry news for black consumers and business professionals.





# FACES 'N' PLACES

## Kingsley taking game to big screen

"Gandhi" Oscar-winner Ben Kingsley will play the vampire Kagan, the evil ruler of an army of bloodsuckers, in an upcoming film adaptation of the video game "BloodRayne."

Set in 18th-century Romania, the movie chronicles the adventures of the title character, a half-vampire, half-human who has the super-strength of a monster but the emotions of a person.

Kristanna Loken, the former model who portrayed the Terminator in "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines," will play the heroine, who must overthrow Kingsley's character from the living dead.

The \$47 million movie is set to begin filming in Romania later this month, according to a recent announcement by video game publisher Majesco, which released the game.

## Fonda pushes for women to vote

Jane Fonda is urging women to vote this fall. The two-time Oscar winner says 40 million eligible female voters didn't cast ballots in the 2000 general election, a trend she hopes to reverse come Nov. 2.

"Women's vision can be the ruling paradigm if women make themselves heard," Fonda said Tuesday at a news conference.

Fonda, who lives part-time in northern New Mexico, appeared at the news conference in Santa Fe with New Mexico Secretary of State Rebecca Vigil-Giron, LaDonna Harris, president of Americans for Indian Opportunity, and Maria Jose Rodriguez Cadiz, a court monitors supervisor for the Santa Fe Rape Crisis Center.

Vigil-Giron, a Democrat, said women are more likely to vote than men but that there needs to be more female political candidates.

## So fresh, so clean

Andre 3000 is the world's best-dressed man, according to Esquire magazine.

"He's a complete individual," Nick Sullivan, Esquire's fashion director, told The Associated Press Tuesday. "But that's really the point."

Andre 3000 is the usually over-the-top dressed half of hip-hop duo OutKast. Some of the 30-year-old's fashion outings include: a lime green jacket at the 2004 Grammy Awards, candy apple red fur for the VH1 Big in 2003 ceremony and a pink-on-pink ensemble for the 2003 MTV Video Music Awards.

"He's probably worn his most outrageous [outfits] when he's in a video or on stage," said Sullivan, who said Esquire's list is more about personal style than a celebrity's stylist's style. "What we photographed him in is very much what he wanted to wear."

Other best-dressed men include "Today" co-anchor Matt Lauer, Prince Felipe of Spain, Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai and San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsom.

## Li'l Kim's 'Royal' wristwatches

Ticktock. It's Li'l Kim time. The rapper is designing her own line of regal watches, dubbed Royalty.

"I love fashion and wanted to create a designer watch collection that would translate my personal style into a product which would appeal to stylish women everywhere," said Li'l Kim, whose real name is Kimberly Jones, in a statement Tuesday.

She turned to celebrity jeweler Jacob Arabo to manufacture the watches, which will range in price from \$1,800 to \$3,500.

"These watches exude luxury," said Li'l Kim, "but I wanted to create a quality, unique product that fashionable women everywhere can afford."

The watches, already selling time for the likes of Tyra Banks and Ashlee Simpson, feature diamond bezels weighing from 1.75 to 2.25 carats and interchangeable leather wristbands.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



Los Angeles Times photo

Members of the band Linkin Park give a little attitude at their rehearsal space in North Hollywood, Calif.

# LAND OF LINKIN

## L.A.-based Linkin Park is sole band to emerge from late-1990s rap-rock scene with credibility

By RICHARD CROMELIN  
Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — How does the biggest-selling rock band in the land get pumped up for a roof-raising, tour-ending, homecoming concert before nearly 20,000 fans?

If you're Linkin Park's Brad Delson, it's not with groups and drugs. Instead, the guitarist is smiling for photos backstage at the Forum with some people from the University of California, Los Angeles Foundation who are there to accept a gift from him: the endowment of a permanent four-year scholarship.

It's Delson's toner tonight, but all six members of Linkin Park have donated the band's fees from one show on the 15-month "Hybrid Theory" world tour — probably in the neighborhood of \$200,000 each — to a charity.

Sometimes Linkin Park can seem more like a Boy Scout troop than a rock 'n' roll band, but its genuineness has helped it emerge alone from the late-'90s rap-rock/no-metal scene with credibility, critical respect, big sales — and a future.

Its debut album on Warner Bros., "Hybrid Theory," came out of nowhere to become the biggest-selling U.S. album of 2001, with a total of nearly 5 million. "Metemora," which followed in 2003 (after the remix album "Reanimation"), is likely to match its predecessor's total of 12 million.

Monumental soul-seachers such as "In the End," "Somewhere I Belong" and the current hit "Breaking the Habit" have become radio staples, their yearning moods and confessional lyrics serving as lifelines for kids in search of comfort and direction.

"I think they represent what we all miss in rock music," says Warner Bros. Records Chairman and CEO Tom Whalley. "What we loved about bands in what we think of as the golden age of rock music was that each record took on a new dimension, and you would follow that band through those dimensions."

In mid-2004, band members have a clear path, wherever it is they want to go. They've negotiated their key turning points and made their breakthroughs — first by weathering years of record-label rejection, then by proving with

"Metemora" that they weren't a fluke.

It's helped that all six members have an obsessively hands-on attitude toward the whole operation, from the creation of the music to the look of their graphics to the wording of their contracts. Although they're all in their 20s, they've managed to acquire a little more perspective than most of their peers. "I remember during the 'Hybrid Theory' touring cycle, we were feeling really confident about what we'd accomplished," says Delson, 26. "And we went and saw U2 play, and we realized just how small we were in the scheme of things."

Of course it took more than being nice guys and hard workers, maybe even more than pure talent, to give Linkin Park its shot. What they were waiting for, it turned out, was an ambivalent, slightly-too-slick rock singer from Phoenix who came to L.A. to join the band in 1999.

Volatile and loaded down with emotional luggage, Chester Bennington was the final piece of the puzzle.

When it hits the stage at the Forum, Linkin Park is all seething, searing angst, and the always-impassioned Bennington seems to be putting something extra behind his from-the-void screams.

Bennington was the outsider in the Linkin Park story, a disenchanted rock singer from Phoenix invited to audition for a group of L.A.-area friends who were trying to make a serious go of their distinctive hybrid: a mix of hard-rock basics with the hip-hop arts of rapping, sampling and turntable scratching.

Although he and rapper Mike Shinoda both write lyrics, Bennington's the one who usually gets credit for making Linkin Park an outlet for themes of youthful alienation and inner pain, thanks to his willingness to acknowledge childhood traumas including sexual abuse.

"I think people don't get told enough that they have the power to make themselves feel better," Bennington said. "So if you can do that as much as possible... I think that's a positive thing, and I think we do that with our music. As dark as it is, I think it's very positive and motivating... I think that's why a lot of kids relate to it, whether they've got their [stuff] together or whether they're messes... I'm both those things myself."

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Brad Delson  
Guitarist



Li'l Kim



# Horoscope

The Leo moon and sun bring focus on family and people you consider to be like family. Including everyone is the key to having a good time — it's no effort at all to open up or reach out. Tomorrow brings the new moon, which is always a wonderful day to start relationships, projects or personal resolutions. Tonight, dream of what you want to create.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 14).** Your artistry and creativity stand out this year, and you could make terrific money sharing your talents.

A situation you've been in for years suddenly feels quite right in September. You'll be rearranging your life in a way that helps you welcome abundance in all areas. Being recognized for your contribution happens in a big way in December.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Be thankful for those envious feelings.

They show you what you really want out of life. You can expect loved ones to get snooty or read signs and subtleties like never before. Everyone wants validation for opinions, including you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).**

You're decisive and sure of yourself, and you inspire confidence in others. Money and all the cares it brings are approached creatively, and by the end of the day, you're ahead.

Diet is important. Don't skimp on nutrition.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).**

Solitude is not your usual state, but you don't feel lonely while alone now; on the contrary, you gain through bright ideas. Listen to the silence, and you'll hear spiritual music.

Plan a trip, perhaps to a national park.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).**

Exuberance will attract love. Encore loved ones with your special kind of comfort, which includes a cozy, warm and cheerful home in which the cares of the world are released and strength of all is renewed.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Friends get emotionally heavy. Draw boundaries. To be better understood and more effective, apply the information in a book to your relationships. Try new beauty techniques — transformations go exceedingly well.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Doing what you want to do is not always in your best interest. You teach others through your maturity. Relax in the afternoon instead of waiting until the evening, when you are simply exhausted.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** This day is well used getting caught up with everything that has slipped through the cracks recently. You're most productive in the absence of a loved one. It's extra preparation that ensures the success of a project.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Stay loose. Edgy feelings get in the way of work and play. Bargains and free advice are available. Make contact, and find out the latest information. Tonight, there is a chance to give back what was once lavished upon you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** A powerful friend may surprise you by asking for a favor. You know it benefits you to comply, but stop and think about what strings may be attached before granting this.

Tonight, rest up, and eat light!

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** It's one of those days when you are overly concerned with the feelings of others. Deal plainly and firmly in relationships, especially romantic ones. For big luck, analyze your expenses, and make cutbacks.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Being unpredictable has its pluses and minuses. You could upset conservative people in your midst, but you could also encounter a refreshingly good time. It's always luckier for you to be yourself. Go with the impulse.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).**

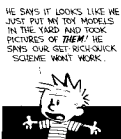
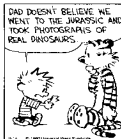
Today calls for some adjustments and reaffirming of original goals. Don't be deboured. Your practical and creative solutions will overcome any obstacles! You have a chance to further your cause tonight and could find love, too.

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Joyce Jillion



Calvin and Hobbes



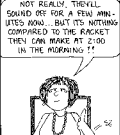
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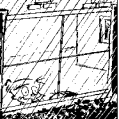
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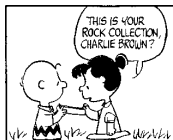
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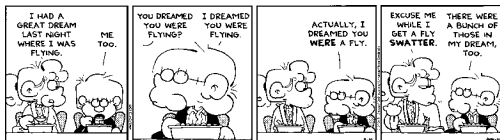
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## Peanuts



Fotrot



B.C.



Baby Blues



Spider Man



Blondie



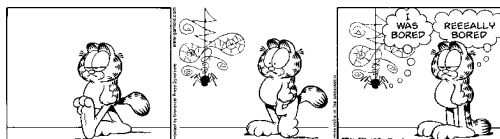
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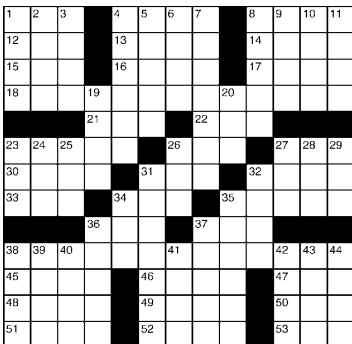
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



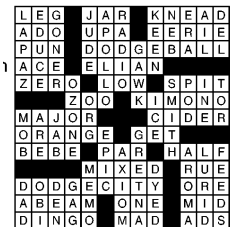
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- 1 Spasm  
4 Hertz rival  
8 Hawk  
12 Farmer's tool  
13 Santa's reference  
14 Eastern potentate  
15 Piercing tool  
16 Aware of  
17 Puerto —  
18 Be careful  
21 "2001" computer  
22 Piouette pivot  
23 Jennifer Garner TV series  
26 Brother of Jack and Bobby  
27 See 29-Down  
30 Make a  
32-Across  
31 Play with robots  
32 Bank transaction  
33 Mr. Chaney  
34 Mardi Gras VIP  
35 Elk, in Europe  
36 "Casablanca" pianist  
37 Charged bit  
38 Levi's super-obedient Nutmeggers  
45 Kitchen flooring, for short  
46 Field mouse  
47 Prior to  
48 Loosen  
49 State with certainty  
50 Sartorial woe  
51 Phantom's cover

## Down

- 1 Spring phenomenon  
2 Waterloo is there  
3 Highlander  
4 Greetings from the Big Island  
5 Naugahyde coating  
6 Ratio phrase  
7 More corpulent  
8 Limerick, for one  
9 Send forth  
10 Courteous  
11 Rainstorm  
12 minuit  
19 Election Day hang-around?  
20 Scepter  
23 The whole shooting match  
24 MGM mascot  
25 B&B  
26 Monkey suit  
27 Excessively  
28 Existed  
29 With 27-Across, combination punch  
31 Ouster  
32 Actress Anderson  
34 Brit. fliers  
35 Greenskeepers' props  
36 Frighten  
37 Runs in neutral  
38 Poor part of town  
39 Ms. Turner  
40 Remnants  
41 Wander  
42 Trick or treat, e.g.  
43 Pennsylvania port  
44 Calendar abbr.

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



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## CRYPTOQUIP

ICASPMT RMAVX RBMOV  
IOMYXXMVC TCXSSX MS  
HBXS HCPT SFCG OKZZ

OMZMTL KT SFC CVLC.  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A FISH SANDWICH ENTERS A BAR. THE BARTENDER SAYS, "VERY SORRY, WE DON'T SERVE FOOD HERE."  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals D

# Parents pushing daughter to wed

**Dear Abby:** I am a woman in my mid-20s with a B.A. degree and a full-time job. My parents refuse to accept that a self-supporting woman my age can be happy. They keep pestering me to find a boyfriend, get married and have children. I have calmly explained to my mother that I'm in no rush to settle down—but she says if I "really loved her," I'd find a man to take care of me so she wouldn't have to worry.

My older brother followed my parents' wishes when he was my age. Now I am the "bad child" for refusing to conform. Ever since I was a child, I have put money into a savings account and—little by little—it has become a large sum. I would like to use the money to further my education, but my parents have denied me access to it. They claim that when I marry, the funds will be my "dowry" to buy a house.

Abby, I don't want to cut off my family, but they aren't willing to

accept me without a man to make me "complete." How can I get through to them that my goals in life are different from theirs?

**—Single and Happy in Ohio**  
Dear S and H: Your parents' thinking appears to be stuck in a time warp. A life partner can be wonderful, but it's no guarantee of happiness or security. Witness the number of marriages that fail and the number of households headed by single mothers who struggle to make ends meet.

You should contact the bank manager and find out how your account was set up and how you can access it now. Your parents should not hold your money hostage. If you wish to use it to further your education, you should be free to do so. (I assume that the salary you earn now is banked in your name only.) You weren't put on the Earth to make your parents' dreams come true. As parents, it's their job to help you be the best that you can be. They should thank their lucky

**Dear Abby**



# Dentist's concentration divided

**Dear Annie:** I recently had an unpleasant experience. While in the dentist's chair having a tooth filled, the dentist had headphones on and was conversing with his wife about what was happening at his son's Little League game. The procedure was almost complete when I became aware that he was on the phone while working in my mouth.

I was shocked and angry that he would do this. When I called him the next day to express my disappointment and concern, his response was, "I am sorry you feel that way." I find this totally unacceptable and know that the incident should be reported. Needless to say, I will find another dentist.

How can an intelligent, educated professional who has been my dentist for over 15 years think it is OK to converse on the phone while doing a dental procedure?

**—Massachusetts Toothache**  
Dear Massachusetts: Such

**Annie's Mailbox**



multitasking could lead to serious problems. No one wants to be on the receiving end of a sharp instrument if the dentist's wife says she wants a divorce or tells him the family dog was hit by a car.

You deserved his full concentration.

**Dear Annie:** You printed a letter from "Orange Park, Fla.," a

44-year-old man with a severe hearing impairment. His family was very understanding about his need to read lips, but strangers were more judgmental.

I have severe impairment in both of my ears and also found it hard to communicate with others unless I was looking straight at them. This was often embarrassing because it would seem like I was staring.

I'd like to tell all those with intact hearing: If someone is looking straight at you when you are speaking (or if they don't respond when they are NOT look-

ing directly at you), chances are good that they're hearing-impaired.

Since my hearing loss affected my career, I sought help from my local vocational rehabilitation office. Thanks to them, I was fitted for hearing aids last month, and it's been incredible. I finally hear what birds sound like. Every day with my "new ears" has been a wonderful learning experience.

**—Happy to Hear**  
Dear Happy: Several readers wrote about "Orange Park." Here's another:

From Murietta, Calif.: May I suggest that he investigate cochlear implants? I had them done a year ago, and the quality of my life has improved enormously. I can understand words, use the telephone, go to the movies, have a conversation, hear environmental sounds, and my hearing improves each day.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to annies-mailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

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# JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

**NIQTY**

**GUFED**

**ROESIE**

**TARRMY**

**Answer:**

**Answers Monday**

Yesterday's Jumbles: ALIAS MOLLY BICEPS NIMBLE

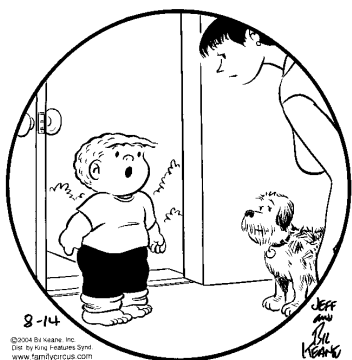
Answer: What happened when the store reduced the price of ladders — SALES "CLIMBED"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

# Family Circus



"Are you sure I was wearin' shoes when I left the house?"

# GRAFFITI

The most dreaded wind instrument is the orator

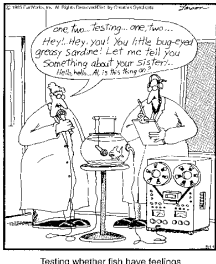
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# Demis the Menace



"YOUR BROODER PAILED THE TIDE VAULT TEST."

# The Far Side



Testing whether fish have feelings

# Non Sequitur



WILSON/REUTERS/GETTY IMAGES

# Chef and author Julia Child dies

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Julia Child, the chef who brought the intricacies of French cuisine to American home cooks through her television series and books, died in her sleep. She was 91.

"America has lost a true national treasure," Nicholas Lattimer, director of publicity for Alfred A. Knopf publishing, said in a statement Friday. "She will be missed terribly."



Child

She died Friday, three days before what would have been her 92nd birthday, at her home in an assisted living center in Montecito, Calif. The cause of death was not given.

"The French Chef," known to her public as Julia, delighted in good food and in sharing it, ending her landmark public television lessons at a set table and with the wish "Bon appetit."

"Dining with one's friends and beloved family is certainly one of life's primal and most innocent delights, one that is both soul-satisfying

and eternal," she said in the introduction to her seventh book, "The Way to Cook." "In spite of food fads, fitness programs and health concerns, we must never lose sight of a beautifully conceived meal."

Child aimed "The Way to Cook" at a new generation, and while it offered plenty of recipes using butter and cream, it left room for experimentation and variation in its blend of classic French and free-style American techniques. It was a hit, with nearly 400,000 copies in print just four months after publication.

Child did not take a cooking lesson until she was in her 30s. And she was in her 50s when her first television series began in 1963. When World War II began, she joined the Office of Strategic Services, the forerunner of the CIA.

She was sent to do clerical chores in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), where, in 1943, she met Paul Child, a career diplomat.

They married in 1946 and two years later were sent to Paris. Child enrolled in the famed Cordon Bleu cooking school, motivated at least in part by a desire to cook for her epicure husband.

Child died in 1994, and in late 2001, Julia Child, a longtime resident of Cambridge, Massachusetts, moved to Santa Barbara. The couple had no children.



## War Is Tough on Families

Military life has enough challenges without worrying about how your loved ones will contact you... especially during times of conflict. I know, because I grew up in a military family and served as a Navy Admiral.

You can count on the American Red Cross to help you wherever you go. Whether you're at sea, or on an installation, we can help your loved ones back home get messages to you, or from you, in case of emergency. We can also help you through counseling and other needed assistance.

The Red Cross was there for my family, and we'll be there for yours. In fact, we support thousands of military families each year.

For more information, or to learn how you can help, please contact your local Red Cross or visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). Thank you.

*Marsha Evans*

Marsha Evans  
President and CEO, American Red Cross  
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.)



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*Together, we can save a life*



THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC/AP

An Arizona Highway Patrol officer investigates the scene of a multiple vehicle collision on I-10 west of Buckeye, Ariz., on Thursday.

## Four die in interstate pileups

BY ANABELLE GARAY  
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — A blinding dust storm rolled across an interstate highway, causing a string of fiery crashes that killed four people and injured 42.

Twelve big rigs, along with a bus and nearly a dozen other vehicles, crashed Wednesday night on Interstate 10, authorities said.

"Cars and trailers and tractors were speared across all lanes," said Arizona Department of Public Safety spokesman Steve Volden. "It really and truly looked like a train wreck."

Five wrecks on the interstate happened within 15 minutes of each other Wednesday.

One pileup began when a pas-

senger vehicle stopped in the middle of the road, authorities said.

"This dust storm came in pretty quick," said DPS Officer Erick Ansapach. "Some drivers reported having only a second or two until impact."

The accidents shut down the interstate, and emergency crews initially had a tough time reaching the crash scene, according to the DPS. "We could see nothing but dust and smoke" upon arriving, said firefighter Nate Ryan.

Several vehicles caught fire after the collisions, Volden said.

One person in a car was burned beyond recognition and has not been identified. The driver of one rig was also killed when his vehicle was crushed under another truck. A wreck involving two cars and a truck killed two others.





# 'Snake' trips up Mickelson on 2nd day of PGA

## Masters champ takes double bogey on No. 5; Baird takes early lead

By PETE HERRERA  
The Associated Press

HAVEN, Wis. — The "Snake" got in the way of Phil Mickelson's move up the leaderboard Friday in the PGA Championship.

Mickelson, looking to win his second major of the year, had things going his way in the second round until his ball found the water on the par-5 fifth hole. Mickelson, who had moved to 6 under for the tournament with three birdies on his first nine holes, took a double-bogey 7 on the hole.

The hole is named "Snake" because of a pair of 90-degree doglegs on the narrow fairway that lead to the green.

Mickelson broke through for his first major title in the Masters. He finished second in the U.S. Open and third in the British Open, putting him in position to become the first player to finish in the top three in all four majors in one year.

Mickelson, who opened the PGA with a 69, has shot nine rounds in the 60s in this year's majors, including a streak of five straight dating to the last three rounds of the British Open last month.

He had pulled within two shots of early second-round leader Briny Baird before his problems at No. 5. Baird, who went off early Friday, shot a 3-under 69 and was at 8 under heading into the weekend.

Mickelson had three birdies and no bogeys through his first nine holes. He started on the back nine, and when he reached the 500-yard, par-4 18th he was greeted by a loud ovation from the packed stands.

The latest surprise in the PGA was Baird, who has yet to win on the PGA Tour. Baird, who on Thursday matched his best round in a PGA Championship with a 67, birdied three of his first five holes to move past first-round leader Darren Clarke. Clarke and most of the other top scorers from the opening round had afternoon tee times.

Baird came in having missed the cut in four of his last six tournaments. But he has played consistently well in previous PGA Championships, making the cut each of the last three years. His 67 was his fifth round in the 60s in this tournament.

An overcast sky and cool temperatures again prevailed at the Whistling Straits course, which on Thursday didn't put up much of a fight against the world's best players.

An opening round brimming with anticipation brought real surprises — not the players atop the leaderboard, but the scores next to their names. Clarke, Ernie Els, Justin Leonard and a long list of others hammered the links-style course on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Clarke, from Northern Ireland, led the way with a 65. Els and Leonard shot 66s and Vijay Singh, a four-time winner a year and the current leading money winner, was in a four-player group at 67.

"Without wind, all that trouble

— all those bunkers you see — aren't really in play for us," Mickelson said. "The course played very susceptible to low scores, to birdies."

"I think they kind of went a little too easy," Singh said, referring to the pin placements and shorter tees. "I think it's going to get tougher from here in."

That could be bad news for Tiger Woods, who shot a 75 and John Daly, whose 81 was his worst score of the year. Both were in danger of missing the cut. Clarke, Leonard and K.J. Choi, who shot a 68, had one of the early tee times Thursday and quickly put to rest the hype that Whistling Straits might be the toughest test in a major.

Choi started with five straight birdies, Clarke birdied the first

four and Leonard had five birdies on his back nine. Clarke said earlier in the week that the layout reminded him of the courses in Ireland and Scotland, and he played as though he was on home turf.

He finished with nine birdies and the 65 was the lowest score in relation to par in the first round of a major since Chris DiMarco had a 7-under 65 in the 2001 Masters.

"We got fortunate with the conditions," Clarke said. "The greens were holding. We were able to fire at flags that we were not able to do earlier in the week."

Those weren't the only favorable conditions.

The whipping wind during the practice rounds was more of a gentle breeze, and it shifted directions about an hour into the first round. That eliminated the cross-

wind that tends to blow any shot slightly off line into some of the 1,400 bunkers and over the bluffs along Lake Michigan.

Woods putted miserably and opened the door a little wider for Els' bid to dethrone him as the world's No. 1 player. Nothing seems to help Woods, who once dominated the majors but is in an 0-for-9 slump. The winner of the PGA has been under par 41 times in the 46 years since the tournament switched to stroke play, and most everyone figured Whistling Straits would be one of those exceptions. The wind can be wicked off Lake Michigan, the greens are enormous with severe slopes and it's not easy to get the ball close to the hole. But it didn't take long to realize this wasn't the scary, 114-par golfhole course that had been predicted.



Briny Baird waves after a birdie on the fourth hole during the PGA Championship on Friday.

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# Homecoming Games

## Summer Olympics open in their ancient home

By BRIAN MURPHY  
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The Olympics returned home Friday to a lavish welcome in an opening ceremony invoking Greek mythology, civilization and culture and closing an epic circle in sports: from the Games' 19th-century rebirth to the latest gathering of the world's greatest athletes in an age beset by fears of terrorism and instability.

At dusk, a countdown video filled the screen at the recently upgraded Olympic Stadium — 28 seconds, one for each of the Games scheduled since the first modern Olympiad in 1896 in Athens. Each tick of the clock was accompanied by the amplified sound of a human heartbeat.

Then, with a blast of fireworks around the stadium roof, the ceremony was under way. Minutes later, the five Olympic rings were ablaze in fire in the middle of a man-made "sea" in the middle of the stadium.

The extravaganza was a victory for Greek organizers, who managed to pull together the 2004 Games despite serious construction delays, worldwide skepticism and terrorist worries that pushed the security price tag to the most expensive in Olympic history and required help from NATO and other nations.

"The great moment as come!" cried the announcer in the stadium. Moments later, the parade of nations began led by Greek weightlifter Pyros Dinos, who is seeking his fourth consecutive gold medal in the Games.

A round-the-clock work blitz — under broiling sun and blinding spotlights — managed to accomplish what many had considered out of reach: pulling together the vast network of venues, transport links, villages and security needed for the athletes and heads of state at the first Summer Games since the Sept. 11 attacks.

But the pride and relief of Greek organizers was tempered by a dozing scandal that could threaten the country's biggest track stars — 200-meter champion Kostas Kenteris and 100-meter silver medalist Katerina Thanou.

Kenteris had been considered the favorite to light the Olympic cauldron. Instead, he and Thanou were hospitalized with minor injuries following a motorcycle wreck. The accident came after the two were accused of evading a drug test, and they might miss the Games.

Some taxpayers also are starting to tally up the worrying bill. Officials say the Games will exceed \$7.2 billion, and some ana-



The Olympic rings are shown in flames in a pool of water during the opening ceremony of the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens on Friday.

lysts say it could hit a staggering \$12 billion, including a record \$1.5 billion for security.

Under a new belkite stadium canopy — finally bolted into place only last month — the modern heirs of the Olympics hoped to make the world forget the bumpy road to the opening ceremony and concentrate instead on the 16 days of competition.

Not surprisingly, Greek mythology played a central role in the extravaganza that officially began the Olympiad, a big-budget show running from reverent tradition to Las Vegas-style pageantry.

After the burning Olympic flames subsided, a boy on a replica of a ship then sailed into the arena, waving a small Greek flag.

Then a centaur — the mythological half-man, half-horse — waded into the water and tossed a spear of light representing a javelin.



Athens' lavish opening was marred by controversy Friday. Greek sprinters Kostas Kenteris, left, and Katerina Thanou, right, were hospitalized with injuries from a motorcycle wreck hours before a hearing on whether they intentionally dodged drug testers.

From the center of the stadium rose a statue representing an ancient form from Greece's Cyclades islands. The form broke apart to reveal other figures from Greek history.

The ancient god of love, Eros, flew above two lovers dancing and playing in the water. Then Eros hovered over a procession of figures from Greek history — from ancient vase paintings to a tribute to the Greek shepherd, Spiros Loui, who won the first Olympic marathon.

Spectators participated in the main ceremony by clapping and using flashlights and bells when signaled. The Icelandic singer Björk was one of the night's headliners.

The main part of the ceremony was designed to be "an allegorical journey of the evolution of human consciousness — from the mythological perception of the world to the logical," said Dimitri Papaioannou, the concept creator of the ceremony.

The parade of nations had a distinct Athens stamp. Greece, because of its links to the ancient Games, entered first, as usual. But, as the host nation, Greek athletes also were the last into the stadium in the biggest procession in Olympic history.

Among the 10,500 athletes under 202 flags: the debut appearance of competitors from the sprinkling of Pacific atolls known as Kiribati, and the return of Afghanistan after an eight-year absence, with Afghan winners for the first time. Huge cheers went up for the Afghan athletes, led by a female flagbearer — coach Nina Suratger in a shimmering green costume.

## Games: Ancient Greeks looked for an edge, too

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The first recorded incident of cheating occurred in 388 B.C., when the boxer Eupolus of Thessaly bribed three opponents to take dives.

Others were induced to swap allegiance, often at the risk of exile from their homelands. The city-state of Syracuse was as notorious as New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner in its quest for free agents that would bring religious favor and glory.

When Syracuse induced sprint champion Astylos to quit Kroton in southern Italy, fans in his hometown tore down his statue and turned his house into a prison.

Olympic corruption peaked under Roman influence. In A.D. 67, emperor Nero bribed the judges to include poetry reading as an event. They also declared him the chariot champion, overlooking that he fell out and didn't finish the race.

For the fractious city-states of the empire, the Games held every four years offered a slightly less violent respite from their near-constant state of war. Athletes and spectators

from all parts of the realm were promised safe passage to and from the neutral site.

The experience of competing against — or cheering alongside — battlefield rivals broadened out the best and worst in human nature, especially when immortality was at stake.

"Sport was sort of like war," says University of Texas-Arlington classical history scholar Donald G. Kyle.

"Participation wasn't enough. They wanted to win so badly, and they feared losing so much. What we're willing to do to win says an awful lot about our societies."

They also differ on the number of Olympic events. Was it 14 or 18? The mule cart race was held for just 56 years in the 5th century B.C. And, should the competition for heralds and trumpeters be counted? Regardless, the Games were considerably smaller than the 300 rounds of competition staged now with 10,500 athletes from 202 nations.

A few events have persisted over the millennia, like the discus, javelin, running, wrestling and boxing — although the ancient versions often had different rules. Other events vanished with the empire, like the full-armed sprint and the pankration — which resembled a bar fight that allowed finger-breaking and genital punching.

Only first-place winners were symbolically crowned with laurel wreaths, but the rewards hardly ended there. Today's concept of medals was first introduced by foreign in ancient Greece.

These champions were the

Michael Jordans of their day, showered with fans and prizes, including huge annual stipends and prized commodities like the best olive oil, free meals and theater seats, hometown parades, statues and sex partners.

Excavation of athletic facilities show differences with modern stadiums, too. Instead of today's oval tracks, the straightaway on or stade, at Olympia is 198.28 meters (about two football fields).

Runners raced its length and rounded a post at the far end. In some events, they might do this 15 times.

The first Olympic champion was a cook named Korobos who ran in 776 B.C. Perhaps the greatest runner was Leonidas of Rhodes, who won all three foot-race events in four consecutive Olympics beginning in 484 B.C.

The balis, or starting line, in Greek tracks usually was made of stone blocks set in the ground; runners would wedge their toes into parallel grooves carved in the stone, leaning forward.

Seventy miles from Athens at Nemea, reconstructions by Uni-

versity of California-Berkeley archaeologist Steven G. Miller suggest

aces were controlled by a judge standing in a manhole behind — and below — the poised runners.

He pulled tight on ropes that kept a hinged gate upright.

When the trumpet blared, the judge dropped the ropes, the gates fell and the runners

took off.

In later centuries, the whole system — called a blyssos — became more automated with pulleys and a spring.

Also at Nemea, Miller has excavated the locker room — athletes slathered themselves with oil, and the vaulted tunnel that leads to the track. Its walls still bear graffiti, some of it reflecting the homocidal nature of the ancient Games.

Miller cites an example in which one athlete praised the physique of another, writing "AKROTATOS KALOS" or "Akrotatos is beautiful." Another athlete wrote "TOU GRACANTOS" or "to the guy who wrote it."

That the ancient Games were a very human spectacle of blood, sweat, sex, money and stench doesn't diminish their historical and cultural importance, experts say. Nor should it tarnish the athletes' achievements.

"It really lies in the fact that, long ancient track — fully clothed, presumably — and pretend that your name is Leonidas, ready to run."

"It really lies in the fact that," he says, "to be a part of ancient Greece, if only for a few minutes as you come out of the locker room, through the tunnel, to put your toes in the ancient starting grooves."



A pained vessel showing runners, dated 540 B.C., is on display at an exhibition of the National Archaeological Museum in Athens in July.







Ben Broussard is greeted by Omar Vizquel after hitting a grand slam against Toronto in the seventh inning on Thursday night.

# Broussard's slam sparks Tribe

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Ben Broussard is getting used to jogging around the bases after hitting grand slams. The Cleveland Indians' slugger needs to work on his curtain call, though.

"That was my first one and it was awesome, but I had a tough time getting out there," he said. "The guys were all pounding me and I tripped."

Broussard hit his second grand slam in four days, this time as a pinch hitter, leading the Indians over the Toronto Blue Jays 6-2 on Thursday night.

"That was as big as anything Ben has done this year," manager Eric Wedge said.

Broussard has three slams this season, including a shot Monday against the Chicago White Sox. He's the fourth major leaguer with two pinch-hit slams in one season, joining Davey Johnson (1978), Mike Ivie (1978) and Darryl Strawberry (1998).

His first slam came as a pinch hitter June 23 at Chicago.

After beginning the year 1-for-12 with the bases loaded, he

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is 6-for-9 with three homers and 21 RBIs in that situation.

"What a difference a year makes," he said. "Back then, it was, 'Oh, man, I've got to drive this guy in.' Now, I look at getting to pinch hit with the bases loaded as a great situation. It's fun."

Batting for Josh Phelps, Broussard connected off Vinnie Chulk for his ninth homer to highlight a five-run seventh inning.

"I said to myself, 'Just try to get a big hit.' I wasn't thinking home run," Broussard said. "I just relaxed and tried not to swing too hard."

Blue Jays starter Ted Lilly had a 2-1 lead and got two quick outs in the seventh, but left after Ronnie Belliard's single. Reliever Kerry Ligtenberg (1-5) then walked Coco Crisp, Matt Lawton and Casey Blake to force in a run.

"The first two guys, I was trying to be too fine," Ligtenberg said. "After I got behind to Blake, I tried to throw it down the middle. It was one of those nights."

Chulk, who hadn't allowed a run in his seven previous appearances, came in and gave up Broussard's slam.

"The pressure is on the pitcher; he's got to throw strikes," Broussard said. "He challenged me with a fastball and I just hit it and ran."

The Indians won the seventh time in eight games and stayed three games behind Minnesota in the AL Central. The Twins start a three-game series in Cleveland on Friday night.

David Riske (6-2) pitched a scoreless seventh and Rafael Betancourt finished with two hitless innings.

Toronto got three hits in losing for the eighth time in nine games.

**Red Sox 6, Devil Rays 0:** Pedro Martinez struck out 10 in a six-hitter for his first shutout in almost four years.

Martinez (13-4) walked none and passed Bob Feller and Warren Spahn for 21st place in career strikeouts with 2,590 while leading the host Red Sox to their fifth win in six games. He also beat the Devil Rays in his previous shutout and complete game, 8-0 on Aug. 29, 2000, then went all nine innings in a 3-2 victory Sept. 16.

Kevin Youkilis homered off Mark Hendrickson (8-11) and Boston got 15 hits for the second consecutive game.

**Yankees 5, Rangers 1:** Orlando Hernandez won again with another excellent outing for the visiting Yankees and Miguel Cairo hit his first career grand slam.

Hernandez (5-0) allowed one run and four hits in seven innings and has a 2.08 ERA in seven

starts since rejoining the rotation a month ago.

Scott Erickson (0-2) went 4 1/3 innings, allowing four runs on six hits with four walks.

**Orioles 6, Angels 1:** Melvin Mora homered and drove in three runs and Rodrigo Lopez (10-7) pitched seven innings as the visiting Orioles won for the ninth time in 10 games and ended Bartolo Colon's six-game winning streak.

Colon (11-9) gave up six runs, eight hits and walked a season-high six in 5 1/3 innings.

**Tigers 5, Athletics 3:** Rondell White hit a tiebreaking homer in the sixth and Craig Monroe connected two batters later as the visiting Tigers took two of three from the AL West-leading A's.

Mike Maroth (9-7) pitched seven innings to win his fourth straight decision.

**Twins 6, Mariners 3:** Justin Morneau hit two homers and the visiting Twins snapped a four-game losing streak.

Johan Santana (12-6) pitched seven innings and Joe Nathan closed for his 33rd save.

**White Sox 3, Royals 2:** At Chicago, Carl Everett and Ross Gload homered, and Freddy Garcia pitched six innings in a game delayed twice by rain for 2 hours, 20 minutes.

Garcia (10-9) gave up two runs and improved to 6-2 in nine starts since being acquired from Seattle on June 27.

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# Strmidt too much for Bucs

## Ace's 15th win is third shutout

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Jason Schmidt made sure the San Francisco Giants didn't need to use their bullpen.

That's the way he likes it. Schmidt pitched a four-hitter with 11 strikeouts for his NL-leading 15th victory and the Giants beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 7-0 Thursday night. It was Schmidt's sixth career shutout and third of the season, accounting for all three of his complete games this year.

"That's your goal when you go out there is to go the whole way," he said.

Schmidt (15-4) walked one against his former team and allowed only four singles — two by Rob Mackowiak. The right-hander struck out at least 10 for the third straight start and ninth time this season. He and Oakland's Mark Mulder are the only 15-game winners in the majors.

"When he's pitching, we have a feeling we're going to win," Giants manager Felipe Alou said. "There aren't very many good pitchers, not like that. I remember when I played for this team, when (Juan) Marichal was pitching, we knew we would win the game."

"We always played better, we always hit better, behind a guy like that."

Edgardo Alfonzo, Marquis Grissom and Michael Tucker each drove in two runs to help the Giants avoid a season sweep by Pittsburgh, which won five of six between the teams this year. Barry Bonds had an RBI double.

Schmidt is 4-1 lifetime against the Pirates, who dealt him to San Francisco on July 30, 2001 for outfielders Jon Vander Wal and Armando Rios and pitcher Ryan Vogelsong. This was the first time Schmidt faced Vogelsong since the deal, and it was a mismatch.

Vogelsong (3-9), who lasted only five innings, hasn't won a home game since beating Philadelphia on Opening Day. He allowed six hits and three runs.

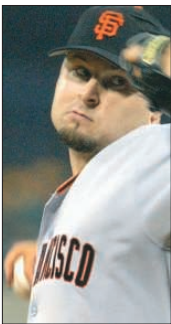
**Padres 5, Cubs 4 (11):** Khalil Greene singled in Phil Nevin in the 11th as San Diego pulled within a game of host Chicago for the NL wild-card lead.

In the bottom half, Trevor Hoffman retired Moises Alou on a popout with a runner on third for the final out.

Nomar Garciaparra hit a two-run homer for the Cubs.

**Braves 4, Brewers 2:** Jaret Wright earned his ninth straight victory, outpitching Ben Sheets to lead host Atlanta.

J.D. Drew, Andruw Jones and



San Francisco's Jason Schmidt throws a pitch during the third inning Thursday night in a 7-0 shutout of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Johnny Estrada homered for the Braves. Sheets, among the league leaders in ERA and strikeouts, is 0-4 in six starts since the All-Star break.

**Rockies 3, Phillies 1:** Cory Lidle lost at home in his Phillies debut while Shawn Estes posted his fifth victory in a row.

Traded from Cincinnati on Monday, Lidle gave up two runs and three hits in five innings. Estes struck out at least 10 ahead with a home run in the third inning and Estes made it stand up in his 13th victory.

**Expos 7, Diamondbacks 5:** Tony Batista hit his 20th homer and drove in four runs as host Montreal won its fifth straight and sent Arizona to its seventh consecutive loss.

The Expos finished 6-0 against Arizona this year, the first time the Diamondbacks had been swept in a season series of at least six games.

**Marlins 8, Cardinals 2:** A.J. Burnett hit 100 mph on the radar gun and pitched seven innings for host Florida. Originally scheduled to start at night, the game was moved up six hours because of bad weather associated with Hurricane Charley. The game was delayed 42 minutes by rain.

Larry Walker hit his first homer since being traded to St. Louis last week. Manager Tony La Russa rested five starters.

**Reds 6, Dodgers 5:** D'Angelo Jimenez singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning and host Cincinnati prevented a three-game sweep.

Wily Mo Pena hit a tying, two-run homer for the Reds before Jimenez delivered.

Adrian Beltré hit his 32nd home run, tying Pedro Guerrero's record for a Dodgers third baseman.

**Mets 2, Astros 1:** Joe Mauer hit a go-ahead single in the seventh inning and the host Mets beat Houston.

Houston's Andy Pettitte, returning to New York for the first time after a nine-year stint with the Yankees, left in the sixth inning with the score 1-1.

Victor Zambrano won his second straight start since the Mets got him from Tampa Bay on July 30, allowing an unearned run and two hits in seven innings.

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Pat Burrell will seek a second opinion on his strained left wrist, delaying surgery for at least a week in hopes of returning to Philadelphia's lineup this season.

"I'm going to try and do everything I can to get back," Burrell said.

Burrell was scheduled to have surgery Friday which would have ended his season, but instead will go to Baltimore on Monday for a second opinion. Burrell said his

wrist was feeling better, although he still wears a splint. "It seems like the smart thing," he said. "Maybe next week I can take this thing off and see how it feels. At least give it a shot and if it's that bad, there's only one thing I can do."

"What's really the difference between that Friday and next Friday?" Burrell, who injured himself in batting practice on July 27, was hitting .263 with 18 homers and 68 RBIs.

### Sturtz drops appeal

ARLINGTON, Texas — New York Yankees pitcher Tanyon Sturtz dropped his appeal of a three-game suspension and began serving the penalty Thursday night.

Sturtz was one of eight players disciplined — five were suspended — after a fight between



the Yankees and Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park on July 24.

Sturtz (4-2) made a spot start Wednesday night and was the winning pitcher as New York beat Texas 4-2. He pitched five innings and gave up two runs and five hits.

After the game, Yankees manager Joe Torre discussed the suspension with Sturtz.

"We decided to take it now and get it over with," Sturtz said.

### Cordero acquitted in DUI case

MEDINA, Ohio — Florida Marlins outfielder Wil Cordero was acquitted of drunken driving in a highway accident in December in which his sport utility vehicle rolled onto its side.

A jury acquitted the former Cleveland Indians player Thursday of driving under the influence of alcohol. Cordero testified that his poor sense of direction caused him to be confused, not wine he drank earlier that day.

Judge Dale Chase found Cordero guilty of failing to maintain a clear direction and fined him \$100 plus court costs.

### Salmon's shoulder can wait

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Tim Lincecum wants to hold off having surgery on his ailing left shoulder until after the season and instead help the Anaheim Angels on their postseason push.

"The idea of sitting at home watching this team in the playoffs would be tough," Salmon said.

Salmon, who became a designated hitter this year after spend-

ing the previous 11 seasons in right field, will have arthroscopic surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff and biceps tendon. He has had discussions with team physician Dr. Lewis Yocum.

"Dr. Yocum said he'd have to go in there and see what it looks like," Salmon said. "But as long as they still feel I can contribute, that will be the indicator. (Manager Mike Scioscia and I have had discussions the last few weeks, and he encouraged me to stick it out.)"

Salmon, 35, is batting .243 in 55 games with two home runs and 22 RBIs. On July 29, he batted ninth for the first time in his career.

### Indians release Escobar

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Indians released Alex Escobar on Thursday, making the often-injured outfielder a free agent.

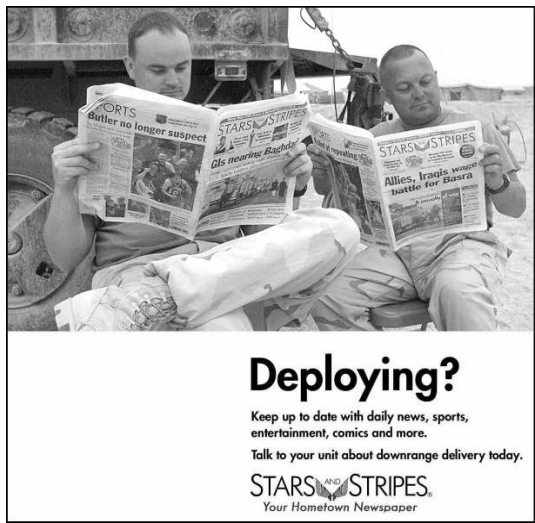
After missing the 2002 season with a knee injury, Escobar hit .251 with 24 homers and 78 RBIs in 2003. He slumped to .211 with one homer and 12 RBIs in 46 games this season before being sent to Buffalo of the International League, where he broke his right foot and is out for the year.

### Rangers recall Ramirez

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Texas Rangers recalled left-hander Erasmo Ramirez from Class AAA Oklahoma and optioned left-hander Nick Reilly to the Pacific Coast League team Thursday.

Ramirez, starting his third stint with the Rangers this season, is 3-3 with a 4.56 ERA in 24 appearances.

Reilly was 0-4 with a 6.05 ERA in six games with Texas.



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# Chargers' Tomlinson on verge of becoming highest-paid RB

The Associated Press

CARSON, Calif. — LaDainian Tomlinson is about to become the highest-paid running back in the NFL.

Tomlinson said after Thursday's practice he has agreed in principle to a deal with the San Diego Chargers that will eclipse the eight-year, \$50.5 million contract signed by the Redskins' Clinton Portis in the offseason.

Asked if his deal will be worth more than that given Portis, Tomlinson replied, "Absolutely. I don't think it will even be close."

Few players have matched Tomlinson's three years in the NFL, a span in which he's rushed for 4,564 yards and 37 touchdowns.

Tomlinson, the fifth player in NFL history to rush for more than 200 yards in four games, last year became the first to rush for 1,000 yards and catch 100 passes.

"Good for him," quarterback Drew Brees said of Tomlinson's deal. "It's awesome and he deserves it."

Tomlinson's contract will be an extension to the two years he has remaining. He's scheduled to earn \$5.5 million this year and \$6.5 in 2005.

When Tomlinson signs, he'll be tied to the Chargers through the 2011 season, which he likes.

"Because I want to be here to make the change," said Tomlinson, who's seen the Chargers go 17-3 since being the fifth overall pick in 2001. "I want to be here when people say what the organi-



zation used to be when they were down, and now these guys are up and they are winning. And I want to be a part of that group."

Chargers General Manager A. J. Smith wouldn't confirm the Chargers agreed to terms with Tomlinson. Tom Condon, Tomlinson's agent, wasn't available for comment.

The contract is expected to be signed over the weekend.

## Ravens RB Lewis to be tried on drug charges during season

ATLANTA — Jamal Lewis' drug conspiracy trial is scheduled to begin on Nov. 1, the middle of the NFL season.

The date, set Thursday by a federal court, comes between the eighth and ninth weeks of the season, meaning that if the trial goes on as scheduled, Lewis could miss a number of games. The Ravens are at Philadelphia on Oct. 31, then host Cleveland in a night game the following Sunday.

Lewis does not expect to miss any games.

"I feel like I can still go in and play. I know my game plan. I know what we have going in that day," Lewis said Thursday night after the Ravens' 24-0 preseason win over Atlanta. "It's not like I'm going to be gone for the whole week. I'll make it my point to get back so I can handle my job."



San Diego RB LaDainian Tomlinson said Thursday he has agreed in principle to a deal with the Chargers that will surpass the eight-year, \$50.5 million contract of the Redskins' Clinton Portis.

Lewis and Angelo Jackson, a childhood friend, are charged with conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute cocaine and using a cell phone in violation of federal law. Jackson is additionally charged with attempted cocaine possession.

Last season, Lewis became the fifth player in NFL history to rush for more than 2,000 yards. His 2,066 yards fell short of Eric Dickerson's record 2,105.

A college star at Tennessee, Lewis was the fifth pick overall in the 2000 draft, and signed a six-year, \$35.3 million contract with the Ravens that summer. The alleged conspiracy happened around the same time, but Lewis was not charged until February of this year.



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Saudi Arabia's Mark Lumpa bounces up after sliding into third base with a leadoff triple in the second inning of Saudi Arabia's 8-3 victory of the Transatlantic Regional championship game on Friday in Kutno, Poland. Ramstein third baseman Dreshawn Murray (4) fields the ball as umpire Barry Silverman moves into position to make the call.

# Saudi team headed back to Williamsport

## Ramstein falls short in regional final

BY RUSTY BRYAN

Stars and Stripes

Little League

KUTNO, Poland — For the fifth straight year, the Arabian American Little League All-Stars are on their way to the Little League World Series.

And for at least one of the players who made the trip last year, expectations are high.

"This time will be better," predicted Joel Reimer, 12, after he and his teammates earned their latest ticket to Williamsport, Pa., with an 8-3 victory over Ramstein in Friday's title game of the 2004 Transatlantic Regional.

Reimer, a pitcher/shortstop, got the Saudis started with a two-run homer off Ramstein starter Augustin Ortiz. It was Reimer's fifth home run of the tournament and jump-started Saudi's seven-run first inning. Natt Timoney had the big blow, a bases-clearing triple.

Ortiz struck out two of the nine batters he faced in the first, but was taken out of the game after a 45-minute rain delay. He gave way to Chris Johnson, who gave up a single to the third batter he faced, but then struck out Reimer to retire the side.

Johnson went the rest of the way for Ramstein, striking out nine, while allowing one run and one hit.

Ramstein could have mailed it in after the day's first rain delay, facing a 7-0 deficit before they even got to bat. But Johnson made sure they didn't fold, ripping a double to left center against ace Josh Amado in his first at-bat. Ramstein failed to score, but coach Andre Murray thought his team made a point.

"These guys never gave up," Murray said. "We're very proud of them."

The day's second rain delay, a 90-minute pause in the third in-

ning, had no effect on Johnson, but seemed to cause Amado to lose his control and his teammates to lose their concentration. Two walks, a hit batter, two wild pitches and Saudi Arabia's first error of the tournament led to three runs, two of them unearned, in the Ramstein fourth.

Mark Lumpa put the rally down, and closed out the game without further difficulty.

Amado and Lumpa each allowed one hit. The Saudis outscored their opponents 103-4 in the tournament. Saudi pitchers threw four no-batters.

"We want to wish Saudi Arabia all the best in the Little League World Series," Murray said as he led his team off the field. "We hope they win."

**London 8, Naples 3 (4, rain):** London took home the third-place trophy with a victory over Naples.

The game, which was called after four innings because of rain, ended on a controversial call.

Home plate umpire Lee Batterman ruled that Naples runner Devon Mitchell missed home plate in the bottom of the fourth, negating two Naples runs and ending the contest.

"The catcher [Matt Braun] noticed it right away," said Batterman, "and started yelling, 'He missed the plate,' and called for the ball."

The call brought a few boos from the Naples' fans.

"They were yelling at me because I was in blue," Batterman said with a smile. "They tend to see the game with the hearts as well as their eyes."

London took a 2-0 lead in the second on a two-run homer by Josh Halvorson. Ramstein added four runs in the third.

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## SPORTS



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A marble sculpture of Greek wrestlers from 510 B.C. is part of an exhibition at the National Archaeological Museum in Athens. The exhibition "Agon" — the Greek word for contest — of Olympic-related antiquities was timed for the homecoming of the Olympics to their ancient birthplace. Scholars are learning that even the ancient Greeks tried to gain every advantage in the Olympic Games.



**Ramstein falls  
one victory short  
of reaching  
Little League  
World Series**

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# Ancient Olympians: Not Homeric heroes

## Archaeologists shedding light on earliest Games

BY JOSEPH B. VERRENGIA

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It was like the Super Bowl, Woodstock, Mardi Gras, a holy pilgrimage and a Chippendale show all rolled into one.

The setting for the earliest Olympic Games some 3,000 years ago was a sanctuary of soaring marble temples and a foul, drunken shantytown plagued by water shortages, campfire smoke and sewage.

The athletes, glistening from olive oil, competed naked. Gymnasiums were restricted to keep the sex trade from overrunning events on the field.

As the 2004 Summer Games open in Athens, archaeologists and scholars are demythologizing and viewing the original

Olympics as they really happened.

Contrary to the modern stereotype, the games weren't tightly scripted Homeric epics in which warriors dropped their weapons every four years to honor the twin virtues of amateur sport and brotherhood.

While the Olympics' 3,000-year history is dotted with the heroic champions like the wrestler Arrhichion, who fought to the death, researchers say they also were plagued by cheating, scandal, gambling and outsized egos.

"The ancient Greeks were not as idealistic as we represent them to be," says David Gilman Romano of the University of Pennsylvania Museum and director of a new excavation at Mount Lykaion, 17 miles from ancient Olympia.

"They had many of the same problems we have today," the ancient

Games were held in a remote valley. Forty-thousand spectators crowded a hillside above a sacred precinct containing some of the greatest temples in the empire. Sport, they believed, was a high tribute to the gods, who favored the athletes who won.

Before the Games, athletes pledged their piety as they were paraded past a row of statues of gods and former champions that were paid for from the fines of disgraced cheaters. At the feet of a 40-foot statue of Zeus — one of the seven wonders of the ancient world — they sacrificed oxen and boar and roasted hunks of the flesh in a sacred flame.

Then the Games would begin, lasting five days. The athletes would consult fortunetellers and magicians for victory charms and potions — the ancient precursors to steroids, classics experts say — as well as curses on their opponents to fail.

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The arm of a boxer on a statue from the late 2nd century B.C. The first recorded incident of cheating in the Games occurred in 388 B.C., when boxer Eupolus of Thessaly bribed three opponents to take a dive.

